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THE DIVISION QUADRENNIAL COUNCIL

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WE were very happy to have with us at the recent Division Council representatives from each of the seven union missions comprising the China Division. In order to reach Shanghai some found it necessary to travel by circuitous routes and through danger zones but all were preserved from harm, and we rejoiced over God's protecting care.

The reports rendered by the respective union superintendents and division departmental leaders were indeed cheering. True, there have been losses here and there due to the present unsettled state of affairs in China, but there have also been encouraging gains. The work is by no means at a standstill, but is onward.

Pastor Wilkinson brought the cheering report of the largest single baptism ever conducted in China, when 103 converts from among the Miao tribes received this rite during a recent meeting held in Yunnan province. A real movement among the tribespeople of western China toward the truth is reported by our mission staff in that part of the field.

From Mukden came the report of over one hundred persons having been baptized and received into church fellowship as a result of the continuous work of one of our evangelists over a period of twelve months.

Our North China representatives brought the cheering report that in Fangling, Shantung, an interest has been created in the home community of the Chinese philosopher, Confucius, and that some of his blood descendants have accepted Christ and the advent message. A fund was raised by those present at the Council for the purpose of erecting a church building at this place and thus more firmly establishing the work among these people.

Thus from various sections of the division came reports that brought joy to the hearts of all those in attendance at the Council. Space will not permit us to mention more of them; but when they were told us we thanked God and took courage over the fact that the door of opportunity is still open to us in China and that God is leading on.

The conviction was expressed many times during the Council that our greatest achievements in the work of God are just before us and that much broader plans should be laid for the carrying on of our work.

The spiritual tone of the meeting was good. We greatly appreciated the help of Pastors W. E. Nelson, E. E. Franklin, Claude Conard and Dr. H. M. Walton of the General Conference, and Pastors W. H. Armstrong, C. L. Torrey, W. P. Bradley and G. A. Campbell of the Far Eastern Division. The sermons and Bible studies given by these visiting brethren were most helpful and inspiring and contributed much to the spiritual interest of the meeting.

Much constructive legislation was passed during the Council which will no doubt have a far-reaching effect upon our work in China. Plans were laid looking toward:

- a. The carrying forward of a much stronger program of public evangelism.
- b. The raising of the status of the China Training Institute to that of a senior

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WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM

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THE highest desire in the heart of the true Christian is to be like Jesus. "Beloved," writes the apostle, "it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is."

When the gospel message enters the heart and its power operates upon the life, there is wrought out a work of transformation. What that work is the apostle Paul presents in his letter to the Ephesians: "Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it, . . . that He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." And the apostle John in vision beheld that work completed in a people who stood before the throne of God; "and in their mouth was found no guile; for they are without fault."

Without spot or wrinkle or any such thing! Without fault before the throne of God! No wonder it is said that "higher than the highest human thought can reach is God's ideal for His children."

But if we are to be like Christ when He appears, we must be like Him before He appears. I read from "Desire of Ages," page 827: "Christ is sitting for His portrait in every disciple. Every one God has predestinated to be 'conformed to the image of His Son.' In every one Christ's longsuffering love, His holiness, meekness, mercy, and truth are to be manifested to the world."

The condition of gaining eternal life is the same today as it has always been, just what it was in Paradise before the fall of our first parents,—perfect obedience to the law of God, perfect righteousness. Before such a requirement as this the human heart cries out as did Nicodemus, "How can these things be?" How can I reach such a standard? And with the disciples we ask "Who then can be saved?" Yet God has provided a way so that even the weakest soul may attain to it. No one will ever fail of reaching heaven because he was too weak. No one will fail because he fell down. It will be because he did not get up and press on.

The Saviour said, "Without Me ye can do nothing." Have we not found it so? How often we weary of the discouragement that comes

through repeated failure! Salvation from the power of sin, the life of victory, are not found in any theory or creed or formula; but they are found in a person, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the only One who has ever lived a sinless life in sinful flesh, the only One who ever can. If as Christians we do not learn this fundamental fact of the gospel, then we are doomed to defeat in the end. Christ lived a sinless life in sinful flesh: and He can and will do this in your flesh and in mine if we will permit Him, and will work with Him. The Bible is full of this amazing truth,—Christ in you the hope of glory.

"I am crucified with Christ," the apostle Paul wrote; "nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me." I live; yet not I. Christ liveth in me. And again: "For me to live is Christ." Paul did not say, "For me to live is to serve Christ." He did not say, "For me to live is to be like Christ," though that should be true. But for me to live is for Christ to live. "Christ dwelleth in me."

Now what is our part in this transaction? It is true that the Christian does have to struggle day by day and hour by hour. What is that struggle over? The warfare comes as a result of the struggle we have in keeping will and heart surrendered to the will of God. Paul said, "I am crucified with Christ." It hurts to be crucified; we recoil from it. Many are not willing to pay that price. This can not be done once and for ever. Every day we must renew that decision and purpose, and many times every day. The whole heart must be yielded; and here is our struggle as Christians. We cannot be half the Lord's and half the world's. We are not God's children unless we are His entirely. God will have the whole heart or none.

In the spiritual realm we have this all-or-none law of the heart. In the physical realm also we have what the doctors call the all-or-none law of the physical heart. It presents a beautiful illustration of this wonderful truth. If an ordinary voluntary muscle is stimulated by an electric current, a contrac-

tion results in that muscle in proportion to the strength of the stimulus. For instance, I stimulate the muscle in the arm with a weak electric current. I get a slight contraction of the muscle. If I use a stronger current, I get a stronger contraction. Thus I may increase the strength of the current until I get a maximum contraction of the muscle to the maximum content of the stimulus.

How is it with the heart? Not that way at all. Stimulate the heart with a weak current, and we get no contraction. Make the stimulus a little stronger;—no response yet. A little stronger;—still not quite strong enough. Now we increase it until it is just strong enough to get any contraction at all, and at once we have a maximum contraction of the heart muscle. All or none. That is a wonderful thing. God wants the whole heart with all its interests. He cannot accept less.

And when we have given all to Christ, we must not stop there. It is not enough to empty the heart; it must be filled. And that is just what Christ proposes to do. "I in them." "Christ liveth in me." I read this from "Steps to Christ," page 74: "By faith you became Christ's; and by faith you are to grow up in Him,—by giving and taking. You are to give all,—your heart, your will, your service; give yourself to Him to obey all His requirements; and then you must take all,—Christ, the fullness of all blessing, to abide in your heart, to be your strength, your righteousness, your everlasting helper—to give you power to obey."

The Saviour is coming soon, and we are not only to get ready, but to be ready. Every day we should be studying God's standard. The new life is not a modification of or a change wrought in the old. Neither is the new birth instantaneous. It requires time to work out this principle of perfection. How are we born again? Not *having been* born again, but *being* born again; "not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever." There are great and precious promises given us that by these promises we may become partakers of the divine nature. God's power is in His word. We must hide that word in our hearts that we may not sin against Him.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE QUADRENNIAL

COUNCIL—APRIL 30 TO MARCH 15, 1939

Resolution of Gratitude

WHEREAS, The blessings of God have been bestowed upon us in many ways since last we met in Quadrennial Session, and we have before us multiplied evidences that His protecting hand has been over His work and workers in a special way, and

Whereas, His providences have led us in all our missionary endeavors throughout the China Division; and being assured that His presence and guidance will still be vouchsafed us as we continue to labor for Him through future days of perplexity and uncertainty, therefore

Resolved, That we do hereby unite in expressing our heartfelt praise and gratitude for His protecting mercies; and we do hereby join in reconsecrating our lives to more faithful and earnest service for the finishing of His work in this part of the world field.

Resolution of Sympathy

As we gather in this Quadrennial Council of the China Division, we are reminded of the faithful workers who have fallen at their posts since last year's Spring Coun-

cil. Our heavenly Father has, in His wisdom, permitted these fellow workers to rest from their labors, leaving us to continue in His cause feeling deeply the loss of their companionship. We note especially the names of Pastor Hwang Dz-ging, Brother and Sister H. C. Teng, Brother Djen Deh-li, Pastor Pan Tze-chan, Mrs. Wang Hsi-yuen, Mrs. Giang Tsung-gwang, and the wife of our former president, Blanche E. Griggs. We have faith in God, believing that He makes no mistakes, but doeth all things well. The death of His saints is precious in His sight, and angels guard the sacred dust of those who sleep in Jesus.

We desire to pay a tribute of love and respect to these faithful workers. We thank our heavenly Father for their lives of consecration; we are grateful for their devotion to the cause we love; we reconsecrate ourselves and our all to the finishing of the work and the hastening of the coming of the Lifegiver.

We Recommend, That the division secretary pass on to the relatives of our fallen brethren and sisters this token of our sympathy and respect.

Vote of Thanks

Whereas, During the past two years our work and workers in the China Division have suffered serious financial reverses, due to the destruction and loss of property, and

Whereas, Our brethren and sisters in the homeland have, through the General Conference, united in further sacrifices to meet the emergency in our field,

Resolved, That we hereby express our gratitude to the General Conference and to our brethren and sisters in North America for this continued expression of their support of and interest in the advance of the third angel's message throughout the China Division, and further

Resolved, That we express our appreciation for the liberal Annual Offering of 1937 especially set aside by the General Conference for rehabilitation work in the China Division.



Delegates and visitors in attendance at the Council.

ADMINISTRATIVE WORK AND THE MINISTRY

WHEREAS, The gospel ministry is the most important work ever entrusted to mortals,

We recommend, 1. That those who are ordained to the ministry beware of the spirit of office seeking, ever regarding the preaching of the Word in soul-winning service as their chief responsibility and highest honor.

2. That it be ever recognized that while ordination to the ministry is for life, the call to administrative service is temporary; therefore those chosen for administrative responsibility from time to time should ever hold themselves in readiness cheerfully to engage in full-time ministerial service when called again to do so.

Annual Meetings

Whereas, The annual meetings are a definite help in meeting the spiritual needs of our church members, and offer the opportunity needed for the regular annual elections and routine business of the mission; therefore

We recommend, 1. That each local mission follow the plan of regularly holding an annual delegated meeting of four or five days' duration, for the purpose of giving spiritual help and practical instruction to the members and carrying on the elections and other routine business pertaining to such a meeting.

2. That this meeting be followed by an institute of about one week in length, for the workers and such local church leaders as may be invited to attend, for the purpose of instructing them in denominational policies and methods of work, and formulating plans for the year's work.

Promotion of Church Literature

We recommend, 1. That in connection with annual meetings and union biennial sessions, our church periodicals—the *Signs*, *Shepherd*, and *Helper*—be vigorously promoted by securing subscriptions for these periodicals at the special club rate.

2. That at these times definite goals be assigned to the various organizations for subscriptions for these periodicals at the special club rate.

Promoting Spirit of Prophecy Books

In order to encourage the circulation and reading of the books from the Spirit of prophecy available in the Chinese language,

We recommend, 1. That the publishing house board be requested to give consideration to the making up of sets of the writings of Sister White, to be specially priced when sold in connection with the local mission annual meetings and union sessions.

2. That we urge our workers and believers everywhere to make free use of these books that they may be strengthened and built up in the truths of the advent message.

3. That the evangelists in the churches promote the study of these books by organizing groups for that purpose.

Posture in Prayer

In order to secure greater uniformity in the matter of posture during public prayer,

We recommend, 1. That the kneeling position be recognized as the proper posture for prayer, and that it be our general practice to kneel for prayer wherever conditions permit of this posture.

2. That we adopt the General Conference recommendation in this matter, for use in our churches throughout the China Division; namely, that the audience kneel toward the altar and those on the rostrum kneel toward the altar and the congregation; and that we ask our churches to make suitable arrangements to make this possible.

Proper Behaviour in the House of God

In order to bring into our churches a more reverent attitude and a proper regard for all that pertains to divine worship,

We recommend, That we urge our people everywhere to remember the place of worship as a sacred place, where they meet and worship God, and to be careful in all matters that the sanctity of the place may be maintained. In an endeavor to bring this about

We further recommend, That the ministerial association prepare a set of appropriate guiding principles and rules of conduct pertaining to divine worship, and that these be printed and posted in our chapels and churches throughout the field to help our people reach to higher standards in reverence and in the manner of worship and of conduct in the house of God.

Ministerial Manual

We recommend, That the ministerial association adapt the ministerial manual published by the General Conference, and arrange for its translation and publication in Chinese.

Special Calendar for Days for 1940

We recommend, That a calendar of special days, special offerings, and special campaigns for 1940 be adopted as follows:

Special Days, 1940

January 6, "Win One Through the Sabbath School"

January 13, Tithe Covenant Day
January 20, Sabbath School Rally Day

February 3, Christian Home Day
March 2, *Signs* and *Shepherd* Promotion Day

March 9, Missionary Volunteer Day
March 9-16, Missionary Volunteer Week of Prayer

April 6, Big Week Rally Day
July 13, Educational Day

September 7, Harvest Ingathering Rally Day

September 21, Sabbath School Investment Rally Day

November 2, Medical Missionary Day

December 7-14, Week of Prayer

Special Offerings, 1940

April 16, Missions Extension Offering
July 13, Church Schools Offering

July 20, Midsummer Offering
October 12, Week of Sacrifice Offering

December 14, Annual Offering

Special Campaigns, 1940

March 1-31, *Signs* and *Shepherd* Circulation

April 6-13, Big Week Campaign
September 7, to October 19, Harvest Ingathering Campaign

October 5-12, Week of Sacrifice
November 9-16, Home Study Promotion Week

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college and the carrying on of the work of this institution for the coming year in the new quarters of the South China Training Institute, near Hong-kong.

The establishment and operation of one middle school or academy in each union mission, same to offer 10-12 grades of education;

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SHEPHERDING THE FLOCK—AN APPEAL

WE, as workers assembled in the China Division Quadrennial Council, most earnestly appeal to our ministers and workers everywhere to arise in the power of God and lead our dear people into a deeper spiritual experience, stabilizing them in the faith, and uniting everyone with us in a great soul-winning endeavor quickly to finish the work of the gospel in the earth.

We should ever remember the words of our blessed Master, "Feed my sheep," "Feed My lambs," in His counsel to the apostle Peter. In later years we find the same apostle exhorting the elders to "Feed the flock of God," "The church, enfeebled and defective, needing to be reprovved, warned and counseled, is the only object upon earth upon which Christ bestows His supreme regard."—*Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 49.

The members of the church are to be nourished and fed with spiritual food. To feed the flock is the solemn duty of every faithful shepherd; the Lord will hold him responsible for the way he fulfils this duty. He is to do his work "not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind." The promise to elders and leaders who thus feed the flock of God is that "when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away." Said the apostle Paul to Titus, "For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee."

God's earnest appeal through Ezekiel to the shepherds of Israel, who fed themselves but not the flock, clothed themselves with wool but had not cared for the sheep, is a direct message to the elders and leaders of the church of Christ in this day. We have fallen upon perilous times, when men are lovers of their own selves and covetous. Seldom has the church of Christ been in greater danger than today. While it is our duty to give the last message of warning to the world, it is also our duty spiritually to feed, nourish, and in every way care for those who accept the truth. It is a grievous thing to see souls leaving the ranks of the people of God, and especially at a time when so many new believers are being won to the truth. Under no circumstances must we lessen our evangelistic efforts for new converts; rather should we greatly multiply them; yet at the same time see to it that we properly

feed and nourish the flock. To this end

We earnestly recommend, 1. That when a new church is organized, special attention be given to the selection and training of a local leadership, in order that the new church may be strongly established.

2. That proper instruction be given to each member in order that he may understand and appreciate his personal relation to the church of God as a world organization. God deals not only with His church as a whole, but directly with each member individually. The instruction of the apostle Paul concerning church organization should be so deeply impressed on each member that he will at all times feel his own personal responsibility in the welfare and work of the church, and will draw spiritual food for himself from the word of God as given in the Bible and the Spirit of prophecy.

3. That local missions arrange for a two to four-day convention every year if possible, to instruct, inspire, and qualify the church officers for their sacred work. It is suggested that among other things the following essentials should be taught:

a. The principles and methods of church organization.

b. The relation of the church to the mission.

c. The responsibility of elders, church leaders, Sabbath school, Missionary Volunteer, and home missionary officers and leaders.

d. The necessity of personal contact and interest in each member of the church.

4. That each member of the church be trained in active soul-winning service, with the definite objective of winning at least one soul to Christ each year. To accomplish this, we suggest that the church be organized into working groups:

a. For house-to-house Bible studies.

b. For the circulation of literature.

c. For evangelistic work, enlisting particularly the young people to hold evangelistic efforts.

d. For visiting the sick and needy.

e. For pastoral work to cooperate with the elder or pastor in visiting the home of every church member several times a year; to visit those who absent themselves from the services of the church, encouraging them to faithful attendance;

and to visit those who have drifted out of the church, endeavoring to win them back to the fold.

5. That a business meeting of the church members be held at least once each quarter.

6. That we urge each member of the church to be a member of the Sabbath school, to be faithful in the daily study of the Sabbath school lessons and attendance at Sabbath school; and that we encourage our Sabbath school teachers regularly to visit the members of their classes.

7. That all evangelistic workers connected with our churches be encouraged to hold or connect with at least one evangelistic effort a year, at the same time enlisting the active cooperation of all the members of the church in giving Bible studies, distributing literature, aiding in singing, etc.

8. That we urge our institutions—publishing houses, schools and sanitariums—to arrange for evangelistic efforts to be carried on in their neighborhoods by workers in these institutions.

9. That we encourage the maintenance of the family altar in every home, also the faithful payment of tithes and regular and systematic offerings to church and foreign missions.

10. That a welcoming committee be appointed in each church—

a. To greet all strangers coming to Sabbath school and church services.

b. To see that such persons are invited into a Sabbath school class and introduced to the teacher and members.

c. To ascertain whether they are members of a sister Seventh-day Adventist church, and whether they plan to change their place of residence; if so, to solicit their transfer of membership.

d. To urge them to become regular attendants while in the vicinity of the church.

e. To take special interest in members of other Seventh-day Adventist churches who happen to be in attendance on the occasion of the celebration of the ordinances of the Lord's house, and to see that they are invited to participate.

f. To call immediately upon those who have been received into the church, whether by letter or on profession of faith, welcoming them into church fellowship and encouraging them to unite in one of the groups of church activity.

11. That special consideration be given to encouraging a larger attendance at the weekly prayer meeting of the church; but that

where distances are great, making it difficult in large centers for members to assemble in this way each week, we counsel that group meetings be held where the believers can have the benefit of these weekly seasons of prayer, it being suggested that under such circumstances a united prayer meeting of the church members be held once a month.

12. That special interest be taken in our youth, to guard them from being swept away by the pleasure-loving spirit of the perilous times in which we live, and that with this in view we encourage our people everywhere to see that their children and young people are, as far as possible, placed in our own denominational schools, that they may become firmly grounded in the truth and receive a training that will prepare them for usefulness in the cause of God.

13. That, as may be arranged by

mission organizations, revival services for a week or ten days be held in the churches, at which time a special appeal be made to those of the community whom the members have interested in the truth, to the children of Adventist parents, to backsliders in the church, and to all for a deeper consecration of heart to the work of God.

14. That the *Last Day Shepherd's Call* and other church papers be recognized as important means of feeding the flock of God, and that we encourage our members to subscribe to them; that in cases where church members cannot read, the leader of the church see that the information and spiritual help contained in the church papers be brought to the unlearned by those who can read.

15. That all our believers be encouraged to purchase and read the writings of the Spirit of prophecy, and that our mission organ-

izations endeavor to furnish our church members with as many of these writings as possible in their own language.

Finally, brethren, we most earnestly plead that in our endeavor to carry out the above-mentioned plan, we ever bear in mind that our dependence on the Lord is absolute. Only as we maintain a living connection with God through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, can we employ these or any other plans effectively for the upbuilding of His cause in the earth. If our work is to be spiritual and truly successful, the Holy Spirit must be the impelling power in our lives and service, to the end that we may be spirit-filled men and women, fitted for the Master's use. We ask you to join with us in renewed consecration of heart and life to God, that as ministers and workers we may be of help and blessing to our dear people in the sacred work to which the Lord has so graciously called us.

A CALL TO GREATER EVANGELISM

WE RECOMMEND, That the following action taken by the General Conference Committee in its 1938 Autumn Council and entitled "A Call to Greater Evangelism" be adopted and carried into effect in the China Division:

"Believing that the winds of strife, which recently seemed about to blow in all their fury, have once again been held in check by the angels of God for the definite purpose of giving opportunity to the church to complete her heaven-appointed task; and

"Believing that in the little time of comparative peace now vouchsafed to us we should witness the outpouring of God's Spirit without measure upon the church, and the swelling of the message to a loud cry in all the world,

"We, members of the General Conference Committee assembled in Autumn Council at Battle Creek, Michigan, in October, 1938, including at this biennial session leaders and representatives from all the great world divisions, do hereby call upon our entire ministerial staff, including field leaders throughout the world, to arise in the strength of God and proclaim with renewed vigor the advent message everywhere.

"We believe that the time left us in which to finish our work is exceedingly short. Surely the consummation of all things is just at

hand. The world is about to meet God over His broken law. Millions who are about to perish are still unwarned; and yet we are told that 'we hold in our hands the bread of life for a famishing world.'

"Years ago the word of the Lord came to us through His messenger, saying:

"A great work is to be accomplished; broader plans must be laid; a voice must go forth to arouse the nations.—*Testimonies*," Vol. V, p. 187.

"We have no time for dwelling on matters that are of no importance. Our time should be given to proclaiming the last message of mercy to a guilty world.—*Id.*, Vol. VIII, p. 36.

"As the rays of the sun penetrate to the remotest corners of the globe, so God designs that the light of the gospel shall extend to every soul upon the earth. If the church of Christ were fulfilling the purpose of our Lord, light would be shed upon all that sit in darkness and in the region and shadow of death.—*Mount of Blessing*," p. 69.

"May God help His people to arouse and walk and work as men and women on the borders of the eternal world. Soon an awful surprise is coming upon the inhabitants of the world. Suddenly, with power and great glory, Christ will come. Then there will be no time to prepare to meet Him. Now is

the time for us to give the warning message.—*Testimonies*," Vol. VIII, p. 37.

"We believe it is high time the church of God arose and responded fully to these clarion calls from the Lord. The time is at hand for a mighty advance in soul winning. Responsible committees in each field should see that a larger proportion of the available funds are used in the carrying on of aggressive evangelism, and at the same time should give due attention to the fostering of the work already established.

"In certain sections the spirit of evangelism needs to be revived. Great cities and large areas are still largely unwarned. The supreme purpose for which God has raised up this people is to preach the everlasting gospel in the setting of the third angel's message to the entire world, and we cannot neglect this task without denying our Lord. We therefore earnestly appeal that the work of public evangelism be strengthened in every land.

"Conference and mission field committees should plan immediately to organize their forces for aggressive evangelistic advance in each field. They should make every effort to include evangelistic, administrative, departmental, and pastoral workers in an endeavor to enlist all in a supreme effort to raise

the cry of the advent message in all the world....

"We urge that in mission lands special efforts be put forth to train quickly a large army of native evangelists to work for their own people.

"We also appeal for a deeper consecration and a more thorough organization and training of church members, including the youth, to engage in soul-winning work, so that our entire membership may be aroused and pressed into this mighty effort to finish the work while the day of opportunity lasts; for soon, very soon, the night cometh, when no man can work.

"We urge that in countries where ordinary public evangelism is not practicable, our workers and people follow the example of the early church in going from house to house and there opening the word of God to the people, thus fulfilling the prophecy: 'Servants of God, with their faces lighted up and shining with holy consecration, will hasten from place to place to proclaim the message from heaven. By thousands of voices, all over the earth, the warning will be given.'—*"Great Controversy,"* p. 612.

"Because of the seriousness of these times and the lateness of the hour, we believe that this call to evangelism is one of extreme urgency. We must not hesitate longer to press all ministers and lay forces into this all-important line of service. 'The night is far spent, the day is at hand;' and it is high time we awoke out of sleep and went forth under the power of the Spirit of God to finish quickly our world task."

In order to make these recommendations effective in the China Division we further recommend,

1. That union and local field committees give early and careful study to the work of each ministerial employee, whether foreign or national, with a view to planning his work in such a way as to make it possible for him to spend a good portion of his time each year in public evangelistic work.

2. That union and local mission leaders, in consultation with their controlling committees, definitely plan to conduct at least one public effort yearly.

3. That public efforts be conducted for a period sufficiently long to enable the evangelist to present every phase of the message two or three times and to thoroughly indoctrinate his new converts into the message. We suggest that in most instances the nightly meetings should continue in the regular meeting-place over a period of ten to fifteen weeks.

4. That early in the effort a Bible class be formed, comprised of those who have begun to manifest a special interest in the message, and that this class meet each evening for an hour just before the regular preaching service. That in these classes the message be studied in a more informal way, giving opportunity for those present to ask questions on the topics under discussion.

5. That during public efforts frequent earnest appeals be made to those in attendance to accept Christ as their personal Saviour and follow His teachings. Frequent altar calls should be made when men and women are urged to move forward in public demonstration of their desire for prayer and determination to surrender to Christ, public prayer being offered for such as come.

6. That representative meeting-places be secured for the holding of public efforts; where good halls are not available, that tents or well-constructed mat sheds be provided and suitably equipped for the meetings.

7. That each union and local mission endeavor to set aside a special fund for defraying the expenses of a number of representative efforts in its respective field.

8. That in places where church buildings are located, but where the membership is dwindling even to the vanishing point, strong efforts be conducted in a supreme endeavor to revive and re-establish such churches.

9. That qualified members of the churches be selected and trained as lay preachers and Bible workers, and encouraged to engage in the work of preaching this message at their own charges and on their own time, in the homes, on the streets, in schools, halls, and churches, or wherever else opportunity makes possible; associating with them in this endeavor as many of the brethren and sisters as possible, to the end that the entire membership of this movement may become engaged in a mighty evangelistic forward movement for the finishing of the gospel work on earth; and that institutes be conducted in local fields to give definite instruction to such lay preachers and Bible workers on how to conduct meetings and win souls to Christ.

10. That the "Lay Preachers' Manual" published by the General Conference be adapted and translated and published in the Chinese language.

11. That the Division Committee arrange for the preparation of a Baptismal Manual, to be published in Chinese for use throughout our division.

We further recommend, That during 1939 the division office staff, each union and local mission staff, and the staff of each major mission institution, plan and conduct an evangelistic effort somewhere within the territory of these respective organizations; and that reports of methods followed and results attained in these efforts be rendered at the time of our next committee council with a view to giving further study to ways and means of strengthening our evangelistic work.

Increasing the Efficiency of Evangelistic Workers

Whereas, One of the most effective ways of bringing efficiency into the work of God in this division is to train the workers carrying the burdens of the church to a higher degree of personal efficiency (Acts 1: 15-26); therefore

We recommend, 1. That all evangelistic workers be encouraged to conduct their work in such a manner that the two main objects of evangelism are always kept uppermost and emphasized: first, the shepherding of the flock, and maintaining a high standard of spiritual life among the church members; second, the winning of many new members to church fellowship.

2. That our evangelistic workers be encouraged to reach the standard of the five-year course for evangelists, as set by the ministerial association, thus attaining a higher degree of efficiency in their soul-saving work.

3. That annually the union efficiency committees shall carefully survey the work and results of each evangelistic worker, and that on the completion of this survey those who have been found inefficient and unproductive shall be removed from the work, thus making opportunity to employ those workers who would "bear much fruit."

4. That at the earliest possible moment provision be made so that those evangelistic workers now employed by our various organizations who show small fruitage in their work, may have opportunity to receive further training in efficient evangelistic methods.

5. That when workers have received this special training they be under careful supervision for the period of one year, and if no suitable results are evident from this year's work, the worker shall not be continued in his work. (See Luke 13: 6-9).

Whereas, It is the fixed policy of the church that gospel workers must have a specialized and thorough training to prepare

them for the performance of their sacred duties, and in order to meet the needs arising from the conditions now prevailing in this division; therefore

We recommend, 1. That where circumstances permit we arrange for workers of promise to be granted a year's leave of absence for advance study in evangelistic methods, and that in this connection special consideration be given to the workers located in the disturbed areas.

2. That at least once every two years each union or local mission arrange for a general workers' institute of three to four weeks' duration.

3. That in this general workers' institute the instruction given shall be along the following four specific lines:

a. Personal spiritual regeneration.

b. Presentation of evangelistic helps.

c. Study of efficient evangelistic methods.

d. Study of church organization and departmental activities.

4. That at the close of this workers' institute thorough examinations shall be given on all subjects covered during the institute.

5. That all workers who have attended such a workers' institute be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the resolution in promoting efficiency among evangelistic workers.

6. That in future we endeavor to add to our working force only those who have received specialized training in evangelism.

Elementary Evangelistic Training

In view of the fact that many of our young people go directly into our work on the completion of nine or ten grades and are greatly handicapped unless they have some evangelistic training; therefore

We recommend, 1. That in fields where this practice is necessary, an elementary course in methods of evangelism be offered for those who definitely plan to enter the work on the completion of nine or ten grades.

2. That those who do plan to go on beyond the ninth or tenth grade be advised to take their evangelistic training in the later years of their preparation.

ANNUAL MEETINGS OF COMMITTEE

AN annual council of the China Division Committee shall be held at such time and place as may be arranged.

Biennial Councils

Biennially the council of the Division Committee shall be enlarged to take in national and foreign field and institutional representatives, as the committee may arrange. At these biennial councils the officers and auditors of the respective unions, the elective members of the Division Committee, the membership of the respective departmental committees and the editors of division periodicals shall be appointed, who shall serve for a period of two years or until their successors are appointed and appear to enter upon their duties.

While these biennial councils of the Division Committee shall thus enjoy the benefits of a wider representation of counsel from the field, yet due to the fact that the council is not a delegated conference session, it must be understood that actions taken by the council shall have only the same force as those taken by the Division Committee at its regular meetings.

An officers' council of the China Division shall be held as soon as practicable following the close of the General Conference annual Autumn Council, in order to distribute the budget, deal with pressing matters that should receive attention prior to the spring meeting of the full Division Committee, and pass on to the union fields and to institutions concerned full knowledge as to the budget bases and other financial arrangements for the coming year.

Actions taken by such officers' councils shall have the same force as any other actions taken by the Division Committee.

Union Constituency Meetings

Each union mission shall hold biennially a delegated union session for the purpose of electing its departmental secretaries and the officers of the local mission fields within its territory, and of transacting such other business as may be necessary for the advancement of the work for which it is responsible.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE

RESOLVED, That the following statement and appeal be sent out to our people from this council:

We deplore any tendency to laxity in the observance of the Sabbath on the part of any of our people. Purchase of gasoline to operate cars, purchase of newspapers, purchase of food supplies, purchase of tickets to enter parks, the holding of business conversations, the reading of newspapers or of anything worldly, pleasure riding, social visiting, and idle and worldly conversation, should all be excluded from this day. These sacred hours belong to God. They are to be used for Him. Our own pleasure, our own words, our own business, our own thoughts, should find no place in our observance of God's day. Isa. 58:13. Radios should be turned off before God's holy day arrives, and kept off during all this sacred time, unless it be for use in listening to a religious service or program. Greet the Sabbath with prayer and song. Close it with prayer and praise. Keep worldly reading, worldly music, worldly activities, worldly conversation out of this day. Make a distinction between the holy and the profane, the precious and the vile, the clean and the unclean, the sacred and the common. In such observance God's Sabbath blessing of acceptance, of rest, and of peace may be confidently expected.

We are glad to believe that the vast majority of our people are true to the great standards of this cause, and do not permit the violations which have been mentioned to manifest themselves in their lives and in their homes. We appreciate their loyalty. We admonish them to hold fast to their faithfulness. It is for the sake of correcting laxity on the part of some and elevating the spiritual life of all, that we send out this statement and appeal. Abuses that go uncorrected and the lowering of standards that goes unrebuked, are oftentimes looked upon as an endorsement of laxity. The time has come when the leadership of this cause should speak with a firm voice. This we have endeavored to do. At the same time we speak in love, and we appeal to all who have permitted these failures to appear in their experience, now to turn their backs upon the world, to abandon its practices and pleasures, and wholeheartedly to live up to the standards of the faith which God has committed to this people.

PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Colporteur Recruiting Goal

Uniting of Book and Periodical Houses

WHEREAS, Economies and efficiency in service may be brought about by uniting some of our Book and Periodical Houses in the different unions,

We recommend, That the various unions give consideration to uniting the work of a number of Book and Periodical Houses in the respective union fields.

Cash and Reserve Plan

Whereas, Great blessings, both spiritual and financial, have attended our colporteurs where the cash policy is in operation, and believing that the adoption of this plan throughout the China Division will mean a definite advance step; therefore

We recommend, That this plan be adopted by our Book and Periodical House throughout the China Division, and that we unite in encouraging and aiding our colporteurs to adopt the cash plan in the conduct of their business, and to aid in perfecting this plan we encourage and educate the colporteurs to build up a reserve fund in the Book and Periodical House.

Colporteur Relief

We recommend, That we adopt the Colporteur Relief plan as outlined by the General Conference Publishing Department as follows:

1. That prompt consideration be given by mission officers to the needs of regular colporteurs who, because of illness or other equally good reasons, find themselves unable to pay their accounts; and that where it is decided to extend financial relief to such colporteurs, it be borne either

a. By missions, the same as other laborers' expenses; or

b. By the Book and Periodical House, in which case it be charged by the house to "donations," thus separating it from ordinary expenses.

2. That our missions give careful consideration to rendering such financial assistance in the case of excessive rent or otherwise, as may be necessary to prevent the loss to the cause of faithful, worthy workers. And

Whereas, The funds for carrying out this action are proving insufficient for this purpose at this time; therefore

"We recommend, That the following plans be adopted to supplement them:

a. The creation, or enlargement where already existing, of a Colpor-

teur Relief fund in each mission, to which may be contributed money, vehicles, or other needed facilities.

b. That the publishing house remit monthly to each Book and Periodical House a sum equal to one per cent of the retail value of the subscription books and magazines purchased by the Book and Periodical House, to apply on this fund.

c. That the mission or Book and Periodical House credit this fund with one per cent of the retail value of the subscription books and magazines circulated by the colporteurs in its territory.

d. That this fund be kept by the Book and Periodical House or mission, for disbursement by the action of the mission committee, or by a committee consisting of the director, the field secretary, and the Book and Periodical House secretary.

e. It is understood that only such colporteurs as have qualified for colporteur's credentials or license will be entitled to help from this fund.

Student Colporteur Work

Whereas, The scholarship plan has proved to be of inestimable value to many students, in assisting them to secure a Christian education,

We recommend, That many students be recruited this year, to engage in colporteur work; and that our local missions definitely plan to provide the necessary help to give them proper field supervision, thus enabling them to succeed in earning their scholarships.

"Signs" and Book Sales Goals

We recommend, That general literature and Signs subscription annual sales goals for the years 1939 and 1940 for the union and mission fields throughout our division be set as follows:

Union	"Signs" Subs	Book Sales
Central China	10,000	\$10,000
East China	10,000	10,000
Manchurian	30,000	10,000
North China	17,000	9,000
Northwest China	4,000	4,000
South China	12,000	9,000
West China	10,000	5,000
Division	93,000	57,000

We further recommend, That these goals be subdivided by the unions and mission fields, and that annual Signs subscription and book sales goals for the years 1939 and 1940 be allotted to each local mission throughout our division.

Whereas, "The canvassing work is a most successful way of saving souls," and we are further instructed to "let not the canvassing work be left to languish," and that "presidents of our conferences and others in responsible positions have a duty to do in this matter," and that "canvassers are to be educated and trained to do the work required in selling the books upon present truth which the people need;" therefore

We recommend, That in all the union and local missions of this division a systematic colporteur recruiting campaign be promoted, and that union superintendents and mission directors take the lead in this campaign; and further,

We recommend, That colporteur personnel goals for the various unions be set as follows, and that we exert our utmost to attain to these goals before the close of 1940:

Union	Goal
Central	50
East	50
Manchurian	60
North	50
Northwest	20
South	60
West	40
Total	330

We further recommend, That each union field distribute these goals to the various local missions, urging each one in responsible position to make frequent check as to the number of colporteurs recruited and in the field.

The Division Council

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- all other boarding schools to be confined to 8 grades or under.
- d. The holding of biennial division councils rather than quadrennial.
- e. The adjustment of wages to meet the present emergency situation.
- f. The reopening of the Rubicon Road Sanitarium and the Range Road, Clinic in Shanghai at an early date. The clinic is already receiving some patients.
- g. The return of the families of our Northwest China missionaries to their respective fields.
- h. The further development of the work of each department organization.

Calls were placed for some twelve or fourteen new workers from overseas to replace some who have been lost to the China field.

We believe that all those in attendance at the meeting returned to their work with new courage and determination to press on to the completion of the great task still lying before us.

SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Developing Local Leadership

WHEREAS, There is great need for improving the work of our Sabbath schools, that they may reach higher standards of efficiency in soul winning and in the development and training of our believers; and

Whereas, In many places our Sabbath schools are handicapped by the lack of capable lay members who can serve as officers and teachers, and are dependent on the presence of some worker for leadership; therefore

We recommend, That pastors and evangelists make it a definite part of their work to train leaders for this important line of endeavor, with the aim of developing, as rapidly as possible, capable officers and teachers from among the lay members so that it may be possible for every Sabbath school to carry on efficiently in the absence of any regular mission worker.

In carrying out this recommendation the following steps are suggested:

1. Organize reading classes for the illiterate wherever this is necessary as the first step in the development of leadership from among the laity.

2. Organize training classes for Sabbath school officers and teachers, and prospective officers and teachers, for the study of Sabbath school organization and methods as outlined in our various Sabbath school officers' and teachers' training courses.

3. Conduct regular weekly Sabbath school officers' and teachers' meetings in every Sabbath school, not only to study methods of teaching the lesson for the week, but also to consider ways of improving every phase of the work of the school.

4. Give special attention to the developing of teachers for the children and to providing suitable facilities and supplies for the children in each Sabbath school.

5. Hold yearly Sabbath school institutes or conventions, to be arranged for in consultation with the Sabbath school departmental secretary and the local mission committee.

In order that our Chinese pastors, evangelists, and Bible workers may be familiar with proper Sabbath school plans and methods and be able to lead out in a strong way in developing local leadership for this work,

We recommend, 1. That during 1939 and 1940 all such workers

be asked to read carefully "The Soul-Winning Sabbath School" and "Instructions on Sabbath School Work," and that they pass a test covering the material in these two books, such test to be conducted by the union Sabbath school secretary at such time as may be arranged in connection with union sessions, local mission sessions, or workers' institutes.

2. That in planning for workers' institutes, provision be made for needed instruction in Sabbath school methods and discussion of the same.

"Sabbath School Helper" Circulation Goals

Whereas, *The Sabbath School Helper* is a vital factor in developing Sabbath school officers and teachers, and in keeping them in touch with the best Sabbath school plans and methods of work.

We recommend, 1. That an earnest endeavor be made to place *The Sabbath School Helper* in the hands of all Sabbath school officers and teachers who read the Chinese; and

2. That the *Helper* circulation goals for 1939 be as follows:

Central China	250
East China	400
Manchuria	180
North China	350
Northwest China	120
South China	400
West China	350

Total 2,050

Sabbath School Rating Chart

In order to help our individual Sabbath schools to know wherein they can improve their work, and encourage them to reach higher standards in every line of Sabbath school endeavor,

We recommend, That each union mission adopt a Sabbath school rating system, adapting for its use the suggestive rating chart prepared by the division Sabbath school department; and that each local mission Sabbath school department secretary grade the Sabbath schools in his field quarterly in harmony with the standards adopted and send back these grades to the schools with the aim of encouraging them to reach the standards of the "Model Sabbath School" as rapidly as possible.

Sabbath School Membership Goals

Whereas, Our Sabbath school membership as compared with our church membership is the lowest in many years,

We recommend, 1. That our two-fold Sabbath school membership goal be reaffirmed; namely,

(a) Every church member a member of the Sabbath school.

(b) A total Sabbath school membership equivalent to 150 per cent of the current church membership.

2. That in reaching this goal the following steps be taken:

(a) That we redouble our efforts to find every church member who is missing from the Sabbath school, and if possible, win him back to the Sabbath school and other church activities; and that we plan definitely to accomplish this by the end of 1940.

(b) That the additional fifty per cent beyond the church membership be reached by gathering in all the children of members, together with all inquirers and their children, and many others—children, youth, and adults—who can be led to study the Bible with us in the Sabbath school.

Branch Sabbath Schools— New Lessons

Whereas, The present world situation offers unusual opportunities and a special responsibility for giving the gospel, and

Whereas, The Branch Sabbath School plan presents a means by which large numbers of our lay members may effectively engage in this work,

We recommend, 1. That this plan be promoted with increasing emphasis throughout our field, and that each union set definite goals for the organization of such schools in harmony with local conditions and opportunities.

2. That the special series of Sabbath school lessons now in preparation for use in new and branch Sabbath schools be used in all such schools among those with little or no knowledge of the Bible.

Whereas, The plan for conducting Vacation Bible Schools for a few hours each day for a month during the summer vacation period has proved a blessing not only to our own and other children who have been gathered into these schools, but also to those who have engaged in the work; therefore

We recommend, That during the summer of 1939 such schools be arranged for and conducted, according to plans suggested in the "Outline for Vacation Bible Schools" supplied by the Sabbath school department, in all places where opportunity is afforded and suitable leadership is available.

Sabbath School Gifts to Mission

Whereas, The needs of a rapidly growing work in all the world demand constantly increasing funds for its support; and

Whereas, All that we have belongs to God, and we are repeatedly told in His word and through the Spirit of prophecy that He desires liberality and sacrifice in returning to Him His own, not only for the sake of advancing His cause but for our own good; and

Whereas, We are told that "none will enter heaven without making a sacrifice. A spirit of self-denial and sacrifice should be cherished" (Vol. I, p. 126); therefore

Resolved, That as leaders of the cause of God in the China Division we will, by example and precept, lead our fellow workers and believers to higher standards of liberal and sacrificial giving, setting before them the blessings of consecrating to God a worthy portion of what He has given them. In doing this we will encourage and urge our Sabbath school members greatly to increase their gifts to missions through the regular weekly Sabbath school offering and the Thirteenth Sabbath offering—urging that the latter be at least double the regular weekly offering; we will vigorously promote the birthday offering plan, that all our members, young and old, may have a part in giving to this fund for new work in some part of the Lord's vineyard; and we will earnestly endeavor to introduce the Investment Fund plan in every Sabbath school, encouraging all to adopt some method in keeping with this plan as a means of adding to their regular gifts through the Sabbath school. By all these means we will make a determined effort to reach the Sabbath school offering goal established by action of this Quadrennial Council.

The Sabbath school is "one of the greatest instrumentalities and the most effectual, in bringing souls to Christ. If our Sabbath school methods can be improved through proper attention to the training of officers and teachers, and if the energies of our Sabbath school members can be utilized in personal work for the unconverted among them, in bringing back the missing members and winning new members, it is safe to say that unprecedented results in soul winning will be seen in the China Division this very year.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Short Institutes or Conventions for Teachers

Whereas, Much inspiration and information can be obtained from union teachers' institutes held for one week or ten days during the winter or summer vacations, and

Whereas, Many church school and other teachers should become better acquainted with our plans and program for Seventh-day Adventist schools as differentiated from schools of the world, therefore,

We recommend, That each union educational secretary and his committee endeavor to arrange for such short teachers' institutes or conventions at such time and place as may be convenient for all concerned.

Medical Cadet Corps Training

In order to qualify some one to carry our medical cadet corps training work in each training institute and large institution,

We recommend, 1. That so far as possible each training institute and the boards of our large institutions select the best qualified person possible and send him to Shanghai for an intensive training in medical cadet work, to be offered from June 20 to August 20, 1939; and

2. That we request the Shanghai Sanitarium to grant the services of Dr. R. W. Paul and other doctors and nurses as may be required to conduct this work in a strong way, and

3. That we request the services of Mr. Wang Tsu Tan, of the Cantonese Mission tract society, to give the military drill.

4. That on completion of this intensive training program these people return to their respective places and conduct medical cadet corps training for the young people there, according to the general plans outlined by the division educational and M. V. departments.

Pre-Nursing Course in Junior Training Institutes

Whereas, It is found advisable to raise the nurses' training school entrance requirement to ten grades of school work, and

Whereas, Certain courses should have been covered in those ten grades of work in order to fit the student for the nurses' training; therefore

We recommend, 1. That in junior training institutes where qualified teachers are available, we offer a

pre-nursing course in the ninth and tenth grades.

2. That the division educational secretary, with Drs. A. W. Truman, R. W. Paul, Charles Dale, H. A. Mourer and Mrs. R. W. Paul and Miss Gertrude Green be a committee to work out the details of such a course as to subjects, text-books, minimum requirements, and so forth.

Local and Union Missionary Volunteer and Educational Department Leadership

Whereas, The success of and progress in the Missionary Volunteer and educational department work depends almost entirely upon the kind of leadership provided in both local and union missions, and

Whereas, Men now carrying this department work along with other major position and responsibilities feel that they cannot always do justice to the pressing needs of this department work and still carry the others; therefore

We recommend, That each local and union mission give most serious and careful study to the condition of the work of these two departments in their respective fields and arrange a leadership commensurate with those needs.

Location of China Training Institute

In view of the uncertainty of the future and the impossibility of determining at this time the permanent location of the China Training Institute, therefore

We recommend, That we approve of the plan of the board of directors of the China Training Institute to operate for the institute year 1939-40 at the new site of the South China Training Institute in Kowloon, and that during this time the institute serve the south China field for the junior training institute grades in the same way that it formerly served the educational needs of the East China Union.

We further recommend, That the question of the permanent location of the China Training Institute be referred to the available members of the China Division Committee.

Medical Education for Our Young People

We recommend, That for the present we continue our affiliation with St. John's Medical College, in order to provide for our young men who are pursuing their medical studies; and that we request the approval of the General Conference on this plan and continuance of the present subsidy for this work.

HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

"Win One" Campaign Plans

Whereas, Great blessing has come to the church in China through the participation of many of the church members in the annual Win One campaigns, and

Whereas, The division Sabbath school department is promoting a campaign to enroll every church member in the Sabbath school before the close of 1940; therefore,

We recommend, That the Win One campaign be continued through the year 1940, and that it be called "Win One Through the Sabbath School"; and that January 6, 1940, be appointed as a day in which all our churches, companies and isolated members promote this activity, urging every member to sign the pledge card to "Win One through the Sabbath School" during the year 1940.

Special Missionary Tract

Whereas, The tract-a-day plan for systematic distribution of literature by all church members, the youth's evangelistic campaign, and other proposed missionary activities demand the preparation of a new, cheap, comprehensive tract with the widest possible appeal; therefore

We recommend, 1. That the division ministerial, young people's and home missionary department secretaries, together with the *Signs* editorial staff, prepare such a piece of missionary literature.

2. That as soon as this material has been prepared, the field be informed as to its nature, with a view to securing preprint orders, thus assuring this tract a circulation of several million copies.

3. That the division and union committees be requested to finance the printing of this special missionary tract on the following basis:

a. A special offering to be taken in all churches and companies on September 23, 1939.

b. An appropriation of \$1000.00 from the 10 per cent of the 1938 Harvest Ingathering funds reverting to the division.

c. An appropriation of \$100 from the Northwest Union and of \$200 from each of the other six unions in the division.

4. That the *Signs of the Times* Publishing House be requested to print this special tract on a cost basis, and that it be furnished to the various unions on a pro rata basis, using the membership at the close of 1937 to determine the pro-

portion that shall be supplied to each union.

5. That this tract be furnished free to the youth for their evangelistic campaigns, to such churches and companies as definitely plan to promote a systematic house-to-house, tract-a-day distributing campaign, and to our evangelists to use in their public evangelistic efforts.

First Sabbath Offerings

Whereas, The first Sabbath in every month is designed as home missionary Sabbath, and the church offering received in all our churches and companies on that day is held in the local church treasury to

finance the home missionary program of the local church, and

Whereas, Throughout the churches of the China Division this first Sabbath offering has not been emphasized in a strong way, resulting in only a meager fund for the local church literature distribution and other activities of the church missionary society; therefore,

We recommend, That during the years 1939 and 1940 we make earnest efforts to greatly increase the amount of the first Sabbath offerings, suggesting that each church and company endeavor to raise a minimum of \$1 per offering, and that union and local mission officers unite with the home missionary department secretaries in the promotion of this campaign.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Young People's Missionary Volunteer Membership Campaign

Whereas, The church must depend upon and look to our young people as the future leaders of its work, and since we have been urged so earnestly by the Spirit of prophecy to organize them into societies and active working groups, and

Whereas, The conditions prevailing during the past year and a half have seriously affected our work and scattered our young people; therefore

We recommend, 1. That our local and union mission leaders everywhere endeavor to get in personal touch with our scattered youth and give them necessary encouragement and help in the matter of securing work with Sabbath privileges, of winning and holding them to our churches, of giving them active work in connection with our church activities, of assisting them in the solution of special military problems and situations, and of getting them into our schools.

2. That in every local and union mission and institution we put forth more than ordinary effort to enroll our children and youth as *permanent members* of the Missionary Volunteer movement, either in existing junior and senior societies or in a "local mission Missionary Volunteer Society" headed by the Missionary Volunteer department secretary in each local mission. Those from 16 to 30 years of age should become senior Missionary Volunteer members, and those under 16 should become junior Missionary Volunteer members.

3. That we use the new permanent membership cards already supplied to each union free of cost.

4. That we present a copy of the book, "Messages to Young People," to each one holding a permanent membership card, as a special token of sympathy and comradeship from our young people of America to our young people of the China Division.

5. That we endeavor to have every Seventh-day Adventist youth in the China Division enrolled as a permanent Missionary Volunteer by January 1, 1940.

Youth's Evangelistic Campaign

Whereas, The Spirit of prophecy has urged us to harness our youth for real evangelistic work in order to supplement the efforts of our regular pastors and teachers, and

Whereas, Our youth in every part of the world are willing and anxious to use their time and talents in working for the Lord; therefore

We recommend, 1. That we endeavor to put two or more of the older students from each training institute into an evangelistic effort with an older and successful evangelist in their respective fields during the coming summer vacation.

2. That we endeavor to use at least two groups of Missionary Volunteers in each local mission this coming summer to carry out "The Village a Day" evangelistic campaign plan.

3. That we teach our children and youth in every church and chapel how to assist in the work of the church, and to carry on real Christian service in the local communities as their part in the youth's evangelistic campaign.

EDUCATIONAL POLICY FOR THE CHINA DIVISION

We recommend, That we establish and operate the following schools:

1. A senior college, to be operated by the China Division.

a. In Central China, probably near Hankow.

b. Endeavor to open school in permanent location in autumn of 1940.

c. College to serve the Central China Union by carrying academic grades.

d. That this institution specialize in conducting the following departments of study:

(1) Theological, for training of ministers—emphasis on evangelism

(2) Education, for training of teachers

(3) Physical Science, for pre-medical training and general scientific workers

(4) Vocational, for training of farmers, poultry-men, gardeners, printers, mechanics, etc.

(5) Commercial and Secretarial courses

(6) Homemaking Course

2. The Far Eastern Academy for missionaries' children.

3. One academy or training institute in each union mission.

a. Same to carry twelve grades where a sufficient Seventh-day Adventist student body can be secured, and where a sufficiently strong faculty can be organized to enable the school to do strong work in these grades.

b. Where it is found impossible successfully to operate a 12-grade school in any of the above-mentioned fields, the grades be reduced to ten, or to those of a junior training institute.

c. These union academies to specialize in the following courses:

(1) Evangelistic training course

(2) Preparatory college course

(3) Bible workers' course

(4) Pre-nursing course

(5) Church school teachers' training course

(6) Industrial arts and vocational courses such as: auto-mechanics, electricity, painting, shoe-making, tailoring, photography, cooking, baking, hair-dressing

(7) Bookkeeping course

d. That not more than one, or at the most two, foreign families be connected with the respective union academies, it being the aim to make these institutions self-supporting except for the salary of said foreign workers.

4. Local mission boarding schools, where required to care for the educational needs of the respective Seventh-day Adventist constituencies, same to offer work up to the eighth grade only.

a. That such schools be manned entirely with native teachers.

b. That it be our aim to make all local mission boarding schools entirely self-supporting.

c. That minor industries only be operated in connection with local mission boarding schools.

5. Church schools of four to six grades in all churches where there are sufficient children to warrant their establishment, same to be operated on the following basis:

a. The local church, in counsel with the local mission officers and educational secretary, shall take the responsibility of providing a school-room and through its local church school board maintain the same.

b. The local church and local mission shall share equally in supplying needed school equipment and in paying the salary and expense of the teacher. Where there is no evangelist or pastor in charge the teacher shall look after and care for the church or company in their various religious activities, and shall be considered a teacher-evangelist, to be supported as the controlling committee may arrange.

c. Church school teachers shall be employed by the local mission committee in counsel with the respective church school boards and shall be paid through the mission treasury. In the event that any church fails to supply its share of the teacher's salary and to keep up the operating expenses of the school, the controlling committee will be faced with the possibility of discontinuing the school.

6. Policy on receiving students.

a. The church schools are conducted primarily for the children of our members and inquirers. Those not of our faith who desire to study in one of our schools must first get the consent of the local church school board; then they may enroll; but the number of such is limited. As to these limits and what grade of students shall be received, the union and local controlling committees have the authority to decide, but the number of our own children should be at least 50 per cent of the total number in every school.

b. The training institutes are primarily established for the training of our youth. Those who are not church members, but desire

to join us must receive permission from the executive committee of said institution before admission. How many students not of our own faith we should admit into our training institutes, and what requirements should be made, shall be decided by the school board, but our own students must be 75 per cent of the enrolment in our secondary grade schools.

7. The principal aim in the conduct of our entire educational system is to be the training of men and women for our denominational work, as ministers, teachers, doctors, nurses, office workers, self-supporting lay missionaries, and so forth.

8. All our school work should be developed to a high plane of efficiency, that the work offered may be second to none obtainable anywhere in the world.

Boards of Management

9. The division college shall be operated by a board of managers to be elected by the Division Committee in biennial council, the division president and the educational secretary being members, and the president acting as chairman.

10. The union academies shall be operated by boards of management appointed by the respective union constituencies at their biennial councils, the union superintendent and the educational secretary being members and the union superintendent acting as chairman. The division president and the educational secretary shall be ex-officio members of such boards.

11. The local mission boarding schools shall be operated by boards of management appointed by the local missions at their respective annual meetings, the local director and educational secretary shall be members and the director shall act as chairman. The union superintendent and the educational secretary to be ex officio members of such boards.

12. The academy in the Northwest Union shall be operated by a board appointed by the Northwest Union Committee. The union director and the educational secretary shall be members and the director shall act as chairman. The division president and educational secretary shall be ex officio members of this board.

Any other boarding schools in the Northwest Union carrying eight grades or under shall be operated by a board consisting of the local mission committee and the principal of the school.

13. Territorial lines between unions shall be respected, and

students of academic grades shall not be received into the academic department of the college or by the union academies outside of the respective territories which they serve, without first securing approval for such action from the union superintendent and the head of the academy serving the territory in which said students reside.

Faculties

14. It shall be the business of each board of directors to appoint a principal, manager and treasurer, and to provide a faculty for the school for which they have been made responsible.

They shall also provide a financial budget for the guidance of the school management in the conduct of the business affairs of the institution.

The faculty, acting under the leadership of the principal, is responsible to the board of managers for carrying out the plans and policies developed and laid down by said board of managers. The principal of the school is chairman of the faculty.

In the close relationships which prevail in faculty association, it is highly essential that the greatest possible harmony be effected. In order to make this possible, the board of managers upon recommendation of the principal should carefully outline the work of each teacher of the faculty and thus provide for the varied responsibilities in connection with the training school work. The several members of the faculty then become responsible to the board of managers through the principal for carrying out their individual duties.

Faculty Meetings

Meetings of the faculty should be held at least once each week at which time the problems arising in connection with the work of the training school, as well as its future plans, can be carefully studied; by so doing the entire staff may become familiar with the work of the school and can thus carry on a united effort for the institution as a whole. A secretary should be appointed and a permanent record kept of all actions taken.

BOARD MEETINGS

Meetings of the board of managers should be held at least twice each year, one of which meetings should be at the training school. Ample time should be given to investigate the work of the school as well as to study its future needs. The principal should prepare a written report of the school, to be rendered to the board of managers at its regular annual meeting.

Co-Education

Every secondary school should provide facilities for the training of girls. A head mistress or dean of women should be employed to give direct, full-time supervision to the girls. The general instruction should be co-educational, excepting in the classes in manual training, which should include general mechanics for boys, and a well elaborated and carefully graded course in homemaking for girls. Such a course should include household management, cooking, elementary home nursing, child care, and sewing. A course for training Bible workers in kindergarten methods should also be a part of the required work for girls.

Where medical work is carried on at the school, a close coordination of the medical and school work should be developed so that the students may have instruction and practical experience in simple medical work suited to the needs of village life.

High Standards in Our Schools

The strength and stability of all our work, whether educational or evangelical, is largely measured by the strength and efficiency of the training-school; for it is from the training-school that the native leadership is drawn. Great effort should therefore be put forth to attain a high standard in the school, whether spiritual, intellectual, moral, or industrial. In order that we may fully comprehend our duty in this matter, boards of management and faculties of schools should often review the broad yet detailed instruction for the operation of our schools so liberally given in "Counsels to Teachers," "Education," and "Fundamentals of Christian Education."

Instructional

In order to do work of high standard in the schools it is first necessary that the instructional needs be provided for in a sufficient number of qualified teachers. These should be carefully chosen for the work in hand. Frequent changes of the faculty are to be avoided if possible; for the strength of a faculty and a school is largely measured by the years of service in a given work. High standards of work should be maintained in all classes from the beginning grades to the last year of the college course.

Suitable schoolroom equipment should be provided. Proper classrooms, blackboards, seats, desks, maps and charts are essential. Wherever science is taught suitable equipment should be available for both individual and class experimentation.

The teachers' training classes should have as their laboratory a model school where observation, critic teaching and practice teaching may be carried on.

Spiritual

Paramount among all the schools' efforts are the spiritual objectives, for which every teacher must bear a definite burden. In order to accomplish this the following are essential:

Every teacher must be an earnest Seventh-day Adventist Christian, and a living representative of the truth in all its phases.

Development of a strong spiritual tone early in each school year, placing emphasis on the spiritual life and benefits of the school.

Seeking for the conversion of every pupil early in the year, by personal work as well as by conducting a special Week of Prayer or season of revival meetings and a baptismal class.

Thoroughly indoctrinating all students with the truths of this movement so that they may know for themselves the teachings of the Bible on all points of belief and conduct.

Pastoral Training

Since our training schools are primarily established for the purpose of training a native ministry in every land, a strong ministerial-evangelistic course should be offered in each such school and thorough instruction should be given in evangelistic soul-winning methods. *Wherever possible the faculty should lead the students during the school year in conducting a demonstration evangelistic effort somewhere in the community, for those not of our faith. During the school holidays regular field efforts of eight to twelve weeks' duration should, whenever possible, be conducted by the faculty with the assistance of the older students. This will give the faculty members a fresh experience in soul-winning evangelism and will provide actual field training for those who are training for the ministry.*

School Homes

Schools operating a boarding department should provide suitable living quarters where careful supervision can be maintained. In planning for these facilities it is essential that provision be made for most careful supervision, particularly of the girls' quarters. Students' quarters should be under the supervision of a well qualified preceptor or preceptress, who must live in these quarters. A member of the faculty may be detailed to give spiritual and

inspirational help in the conduct of the school homes.

Suitable equipment should be provided in the living-rooms. Each pupil should be required to have a box or locker in which to keep his clothing and other personal effects, so that the rooms can be kept neat and orderly.

The daily program of the school should be so arranged as to give definite time for the students to care for their rooms. Where needed, the preceptor or preceptress should give instruction to the pupils on the care of their rooms and should insist that a high standard of cleanliness and neatness be maintained. All the rooms should be inspected daily, and where pupils are delinquent in the care of their rooms they should be required to leave their classes to put them in order.

The kitchen and dining-rooms should also be properly equipped, so that the food can be well prepared and served in a way to develop a spirit of culture and refinement. Suitable tables, benches, bowls, plates, cups, and other necessary dining-room equipment should be provided.

The dietary should be carefully studied, so that a wholesome, well-balanced and appetizing vegetarian diet be provided. Those in charge of the dormitories should supervise the meals, and a spirit of quiet and orderliness should be maintained. After the meal the dining-room and equipment should be cleaned and arranged in readiness for the next meal.

The principal should inspect the students' quarters once each week, at which time the students should be by their bedside or in front of their rooms so that suggestions can be effectively given where need arises.

Discipline

Obedience to the laws of society and the civil laws of the land is an essential aid in the training of obedience to the law of God. It is the duty of our workers to do all they can to check the tendency toward disobedience of both the law of God and the laws of man.

Inasmuch as the standard of discipline established throughout the field is in a large measure determined by the example seen in the lives of our ministers, which are largely fixed by the standards maintained in our training schools, the principals and staffs of our boarding schools and mission stations are strongly urged to maintain at all times a strong and firm disciplinary tone in their schools.

This should be accomplished in

RESOLUTIONS ON A BIGGER BIG WEEK FOR 1939 AND 1940

WHEREAS, The missions extension campaign throughout the past years has brought much benefit to this division, by circulating large quantities of our literature, by giving many their first experience in public work, and by providing much needed funds for the building and equipping of our publishing, medical and educational institutions; and

Whereas, in all the unions and mission fields of this division there is still urgent need to develop further the educational and medical facilities of the church; therefore

We recommend, 1. That all unions and local missions unite in the promotion of the special Big Week booklet, "The Adventures of David Dare," prepared for the 1939 campaign, and endeavor to scatter this truth-filled book in all sections of the division.

2. That mission officers and committees give careful study to the organizing of the annual Big Week campaign; that all workers be expected to join in the literature sales phase of this campaign; and that sales goals for each church, company, and worker be set by the controlling committees.

3. That division, union, and local mission educational and medical institutions be urged to plan for at least two general field days, in which all teachers, students, medical workers, nurses, and nurses in training be urged and expected to take active part.

4. That our colporteurs throughout the division be urged to join

in the annual Big Week campaign, donating the proceeds from the largest day's sales to the missions extension fund.

5. That a missions extension offering be taken in all our churches and companies on the second Sabbath of the campaign; that all salaried workers and church members be urged to contribute the equivalent of one day's income; and that the special envelopes provided by the department for this offering be distributed to the church on the first Sabbath of the campaign.

6. That in future we place greater emphasis on the doctrinal features of our message in the special literature prepared for the annual Big Week campaign.

7. That we request the Signs of the Times Publishing House management to provide such a doctrinal book for the 1940 Big Week campaign, suggesting that the materials now appearing in the English special tract series, "Truth for Youth," be adapted to the needs of our field and provided in the Big Week booklet form.

8. That in addition to this suggested Big Week book we request the Signs of the Times Publishing House management to plan for a new number of the Present Truth series and a smaller tract, dealing with the same general subject as the regular Big Week booklet, to be used in connection with the 1940 Big Week campaign; and that the above-mentioned literature be ready for shipment to the field not later than December 15, 1939.

9. That we set our division goal for the Big Week campaign for 1940 at \$9,200.00, assigning union goals as follows:

Central China	\$1200
West China	\$1000
Manchuria	\$1000
North China	\$1000
Northwest China	\$500
South China	\$2250
West China	\$2000

and that controlling committees further allocate these goals to the local missions, churches and companies throughout the division.

10. That the projects to benefit from the 1940 Big Week be referred to the Division Committee.

the spirit of love and confidence and good will and not in the spirit of domination or the misdirected use of authority. Love and sympathy should balance equity and justice.

Each teacher should hold up a high standard of discipline and cooperate with his fellow teachers in this as well as in all other matters. As far as possible he should adjust the discipline of his own classroom or department, but should counsel freely with the principal and appeal the case for his help or the help of the entire faculty when necessary. The principal may for sufficient reasons temporarily suspend a pupil from class or other activities of the school, but no pupil should be permanently dismissed for disciplinary reasons without vote of the faculty.

BUILDING POLICIES

New Buildings

INASMUCH as in the past there has not been most satisfactory results obtained in our building operations throughout the field, due to a lack of uniformity in plans and style of construction, this often resulting in meat loss to the cause through defective methods of construction being followed.

It is recommended, That hereafter the following building policy be adopted and strictly adhered to:

1. That all proposed plans for new buildings, with estimated costs, be submitted by the respective local or union committees to the Division Committee for study and final approval.

In the case of small country churches and schools where the cost does not exceed \$1,500 national currency, final approval may be given by the respective union committees.

2. That the plans as approved by the division building committee shall be strictly adhered to, and no alteration be made except by consent of the Division Committee. Those entrusted with the erection of buildings are requested to recognize the fact that the work is being done for the denomination, and not for the individual who may at the time be located at the station, or who will first enjoy the use of such building; therefore the denomination reserves the right to specify what kind of buildings shall be erected for its work.

3. *In no case is the field authorized to proceed with construction work where it is estimated that sufficient funds are not available for the work contemplated; and should it be found during the construction of any building that there is to be a shortage of funds, work must be stopped when the available funds are exhausted, unless the local and/or union organizations are able to supply that lack by additional appropriations, or in case of a church, by the local congregation.*

When the builder has completed the work of constructing any mission building, he shall render a complete statement of costs to the union superintendent and treasurer. The union auditor shall audit the building accounts and furnish copies to the division president, treasurer, and other persons concerned.

No construction work shall be undertaken until the union committee is satisfied that sufficient funds are in hand for the work to be completed without incurring debt.

4. That in all places where there are white ants, all buildings shall be ant-proofed.

5. While avoiding unnecessary expense as far as possible, it is recommended that in all construction work good and substantial materials be used in order that our buildings may be as permanent as possible.

Building Procedure

Funds appropriated by the division for building purposes or for the purchase of land or other major investments, shall be held by the division treasurer until he is notified by the respective unions that they are ready to proceed with the work.

New Mission Projects

In harmony with the General Conference policy, we adopt the following resolution:

When a union contemplates the purchase of land, the erection of buildings, or the making of any other permanent investment, full information, including estimates of costs, shall be presented to the union and division committees for approval, and a complete statement shall be made as to the amount of funds in hand, and how and when additional amounts shall be received for the project.

It shall be the duty of the local field committee, in counsel with the union officers, to plot carefully each

mission station or institutional campus, outlining plans for a completed unit. These plots shall be approved by the union committee, and shall be strictly followed by those responsible for the development of the station. Copies of the plot diagrams should be held by the union and local offices and by the respective stations. No missionary shall erect even a temporary building upon mission premises without the full consent of the local and union committees. All such buildings must be thoroughly ant-proofed.

Alterations and Repairs

No alterations, additions, or extensive repairs shall be made to any permanent building without the consent of the local and union committees or the Division Committee. Careful estimates of such shall be submitted to the union committees at the time of distribution of the annual budget.

Earnest efforts shall be made to keep all mission property in a good state of repair and the premises as neat as possible. Minor repairs, not involving alteration, shall be made by the director of the mission.

We further recommend, That the division building committee be requested to prepare several stock plans for churches to be used by our congregations throughout the field.

TENURE OF OFFICE

RESOLVED, That we recognize the tenure of office policy as adopted by the General Conference at its 1931 Autumn Council and amended at the Autumn Council of 1938 as applying to the China Division. This policy reads as follows:

"Whereas, a principle of conference management is clearly stated in the Spirit of prophecy in these words:

"I have been shown that ministers should not be retained in the same district year after year, nor should the same man long preside over a conference. A change of gifts is good for our conferences and churches"—("Gospel Workers," p. 420); and

"Whereas, Our experience has proved that very long tenure of office in the same position is not for the best interests of the work and does not tend to development of the greatest strength in the workers; therefore

"We recommend, 1. That the tenure of office for General Conference executive officers and heads of departments, including the auditing department (including divisions)

shall not exceed twelve consecutive years in any one position.

"2. That the tenure of office of union executive officers, auditors, and department secretaries shall not exceed eight consecutive years in any one position, in the same union.

"3. That the tenure of office of local conference or mission executive officers and department secretaries shall not exceed six consecutive years in any one position, in the same conference or mission.

"6. That while the provisions of the policy do not apply in detail to our institutions, we recognize that even in our institutions changes in leadership are at times desirable, and that the spirit of the policy should therefore apply as the respective boards in counsel with the next higher organization shall be able to arrange.

"7. That with a view of bringing into our local committee council an enlarging circle of men, no individual be elected to committee membership for more than six consecutive years, except institutional representatives or conference officers.

"8. That it be understood that in the application of this policy workers of experience and standing shall not find themselves disconnected from the work as a result of the operation of the policy.

"9. That in local or union fields where language or national differences or any other unusual circumstances make a variation from this rule desirable, the exception shall be made only in counsel with General Conference or division representatives present at the election.

"10. That in cases where fields combine, or, because of the development of the work organizations divide, workers affected by this policy who have occupied positions in these fields for the allotted time shall not be eligible to hold office in the united field, or in either of the organizations, in case the field is divided.

"11. That this policy shall not be understood as entitling any worker to the full period of the tenure of office in the general, division, union or local organizations. Election to office is determined by the vote of the respective constituencies.

"12. That the reasons for the differences in the tenure of office periods proposed for general, union, and local conferences respectively be recognized as arising from the fact that those who work in more restricted areas and come in closer touch with the churches, put their personal mold on the work sooner than those farther removed in administrative work.

"13. That General Conference and division committees give very careful study to the question of the location and transfer of men as between unions, and make definite recommendations to the union regarding the leadership of their work, and that likewise the union committees carefully study the location and transfer of men as between the local conferences, and make definite recommendations to the conferences concerning the leadership of their work.

"14. That in carrying out the tenure of office policy, individuals shall not be re-elected to office if the projected term shall carry them beyond the tenure limit more than one-half of the term for which they are elected.

"Recognizing, in adopting this policy, that its success in operation will depend in a large measure upon the cooperation of all the fields and organizations involved, and in order to safeguard the plan so that the benefits derived from an exchange of workers may be

secured in the field generally without bringing injustice or hardship to any worker by its application;

We recommend, 15. That controlling committees or boards which, in applying the plan, find it impracticable to make changes within

their own fields in order to place a worker who comes to the termination of his tenure period, take early counsel with the General Conference or division committee concerned, with a view to placing such worker in some other field."

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Rent and Operating Expenses on Chapels

WHEREAS, It is manifestly evident that we are more deeply concerned and our interest is more definitely settled where we have financial investment; and

Whereas, The principle of promoting a greater degree of self-support in our national churches and chapels should be emphasized in our work; and

Whereas, The demands of the work constantly call for an increasing amount of funds; and the support of the established work should become more and more the responsibility of those who belong to the older church groups; therefore

We recommend, That we endeavor to secure the support of our church groups for all chapel or church operating expenses, including chapel rents; and that we promote this undertaking by frequent articles in our church papers, by discussion on the subject at annual and weekend meetings, and by encouraging church groups to provide chapels through their own efforts, either by building, by purchase, or by long-time deposit leases, thereby making it unnecessary to draw upon the mission budget for such funds.

We further recommend, That we cease to list chapel expense as a proper item in our budget requests; and, moreover, that wherever possible chapel rents be gradually reduced from year to year or else the required amounts released from older work for new openings.

Increase of Tithes and Mission Offerings

Whereas, The events taking place in the world at this time indicate that the end of all things is at hand, and,

Whereas, We believe that our efforts for evangelizing the world should be markedly increased at this time, to the end of completing our task in the shortest possible time, and

Whereas, The General Conference has set before us the goal of self-support, and

Whereas, The system of tithe and free-will offerings has been ordained of God as the material means by which to accomplish the work of evangelism; therefore

Resolved, That we, as leaders, dedicate ourselves anew to the spirit of self-sacrifice, as exemplified by the Master and by men of God in all ages; and further

Resolved, That we set before the membership of the China Division the following recommendations as a means of helping all to meet their duty in the matter of paying a faithful tithe and of giving offerings:

1. That our workers and church leaders continue to instruct all church members in the duty of tithe-paying and of making offerings, and that they pay particular attention in this matter to those preparing for church membership.

2. That we continue the use of tithe and offering envelopes; that we present the subject of tithes and offerings in our churches at least once each quarter; that we make frequent use of the instructions from the Spirit of prophecy on tithing prepared for reading as a preliminary to the taking of church offerings.

3. That there be prepared annually a special tract on tithing for free distribution throughout the field.

4. That proper promotional devices be used as an encouragement to faithful tithe-paying.

5. That workers faithfully carry out the instruction of the Spirit of prophecy, by visiting from home to home, encouraging church members in the faithful discharge of this duty.

6. That we place before the workers their duty of faithfully instructing candidates for church membership on the subject of Christian stewardship; so that those brought into the church may be tither-paying members and that the tithe income may be sufficient not only to support the work in each district; but eventually to supply funds to evangelize new areas.

General Mission Offerings

Whereas, We are told that the contributions of ancient Israel for religious and charitable purposes amounted to fully one-fourth of their income, and that God expects no less of His people today (P.P., pp. 527, 528); and

Whereas, The Sabbath school is a natural channel for a large portion of our mission giving; therefore

Resolved, That the goal for mission offerings continue to be 25 cents per member per week, and in particular, that the Sabbath school offering goal continue to be five per cent of the family income.

Week of Sacrifice

Whereas, The spirit of the third angel's message is a spirit of sacrifice, and

Whereas, The yearly offering known as the "Week of Sacrifice Offering" is a large factor in providing necessary funds for the support and advancement of this cause; therefore

We recommend (a) That all workers be urged to give annually the equivalent of one week's salary as a special offering, to be received on a date set by the Division Committee; and

(b) That all church members be urged to meet this goal according as God has prospered them.

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age and felt that we should move on to the next town. However, we preached three nights. On the second night 90 persons attended, and on the third night, 100. Some of these people already know about Christianity, but for many this was the first time they had heard of the gospel."

The experiences quoted above might be multiplied many fold. They point the way to the finishing of the work in China and to the bringing of our work more nearly to a self-supporting, self-propagating standard. In the Manchurian Union colporteur tithes and tract society earnings are sufficient to care for the salaries and expense of the field secretaries. Many who would never have had an opportunity of learning the truth from a living preacher, have learned it from the literature distributed by these faithful men.

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DEBT CONTROL

The word of God declares, "The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine, saith the Lord of hosts" (Haggai 2:8); and again, "Every beast of the forest is Mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills." (Ps. 50:10). The world is His and the fulness thereof. God has laid upon His people the responsibility of supporting His work in the earth. He endows men and women with ability to earn money and gain wealth, not for the gratification of self, not that they may live lavishly, but that they may have means whereby to support the activities of the cause with which He has graciously associated them. The Lord desires His work in the earth to advance free from every hindering influence.

The admonition of the Word to "owe no man anything" is a principle which applies to organizations and institutions of the advent movement, as well as to individuals. Much embarrassment has come to the cause through the years because of indebtedness which has been unwisely incurred. Again and again our loyal people have rallied to the relief of the work in the reduction of these obligations. By so doing, they have shown their loyalty and devotion to the cause, and God has blessed them for their faithfulness.

We have now come to the time when, as never before, the work should be operated on a "no-debt" basis. To this end we are admonished by the Lord through the Spirit of prophecy in the following quotations: "God does not want His work to be continually embarrassed with debt."—*Testimonies*, Vol. VII, p. 206. "God designs that we shall learn lessons from the failures of the past. It is not pleasing to Him to have debts rest upon His institutions."—*Id.*, Vol. IX, p. 71. "More and more shall we be obliged to plan, and devise, and economize. We cannot manage as if we had a bank on which to draw in case of emergency; therefore we must not get into straitened places. As individuals and as managers of the Lord's institutions, we shall necessarily have to cut away everything intended for display, and bring our expenses within the narrow compass of our income."—*Id.*, Vol. VI, p. 209.

Debt will destroy as does a canker, and we are warned against it in the following impressive statement: "We should shun debt as we would shun the leprosy."—*Id.*, p. 217. Concerning those who are in danger of carelessness in this

matter, the counsel is given: "Let them guard themselves as with a fence of barbed wire against the inclination to go into debt."—*Id.*, Vol. VII, p. 236.

This instruction places upon the church of Christ a solemn responsibility. No man liveth unto himself, and no institution or organization exists to itself alone. Each is a part of the great cause to which it belongs, and when, through failure to meet its obligations, one member suffers, all parts of the body are caused to share this suffering.

In the light, therefore, of the explicit and positive instruction given us concerning this matter and of the vital and fundamental principles involved, we feel that we should forthwith cease incurring further debts and without delay take steps to liquidate the indebtedness that already rests upon the cause. This is a solemn duty enjoined upon us by Heaven. Leaders in our work are responsible both to God and to their brethren to be faithful to their stewardship in these important matters.

In view of the seriousness of the situation, we, as leaders in the work of God, earnestly covenant before God and with one another to exert every effort to reduce our denominational indebtedness, and to this end faithfully and consistently to apply the policies hereinafter outlined:

We recommend, That the actions regarding debt control taken at the Autumn Council session October 20-27, 1937, be reaffirmed and amended as follows:

Whereas, The incurring of indebtedness by any organization, whether conference, mission, institution, or church, affects very definitely, though sometimes indirectly, the entire denominational organization; therefore

Resolved, 1. That we reaffirm the principles set forth in resolutions and actions formerly voted by the General Conference, looking toward the operation of our work on a "no-debt" basis, all work being carried on strictly on a cash budget plan.

2. That in all our denominational organizations throughout the China division, including the China Division, unions, and local missions, all operations be conducted on available funds, and that no further debts be incurred except in emergency situations as provided for in this series of resolutions;

that in all our institutions, including publishing houses, schools, and sanitariums, the work be carried on with available funds, so that there shall be no increase of indebtedness.

3. That when the controlling board of an institution or organization desires to enlarge or improve its properties and increase the facilities for carrying on its work, this shall be done without indebtedness.

4. That in the China Division, projects costing more than \$250 national currency and not exceeding \$1,500 national currency shall be approved by the union mission committee concerned; for projects above that sum but not exceeding U.S. \$5,000, approval shall be given by the Division Committee. In union and local missions approval shall be given by the division for all proposed expenditures, except that the union mission committee may authorize the erection of small, inexpensive chapels which are financed by local constituencies without debt.

5. That for projects in any part of the China Division exceeding U.S. \$5,000 the China Division Committee shall secure the approval of the General Conference Committee before construction is begun or before financial commitments are entered into.

6. That no mission or institution shall borrow money for re-investment, or to lend to individuals.

7. That no mission or institution shall make loans from its own funds to employees or others. This provision, however, shall not preclude the operation of specific loan funds such as student-aid funds; or the granting of loans to doctors, as provided in the policy adopted by the Autumn Council of 1933.

8. That no mission or institution shall borrow money to re-lend to churches, and no church shall borrow money for church building purposes or church expenses except as hereinafter provided.

9. That churches contemplating either the purchase or the erection of church buildings be cautioned against undertaking financial obligations which would be likely to embarrass the membership; and that concerning such undertakings, local and union committees give careful counsel in each case, taking into consideration the size of the congregation, its financial strength, and the location of the building.

10. That in the purchase or building of church properties, in no

case shall commitments be made or building operations begun until 75 per cent of the entire cost of the building, including initial furnishings, is in hand in cash, and provision satisfactory to the responsible authorizing committee for securing the remaining 25 per cent, is made; and that in the case of construction, the work proceed and obligations be incurred only as funds are available. In special cases where in the judgment of authorizing boards and committees it is deemed advisable, a church may be authorized to borrow up to 15 per cent of the cost of its building project in order to complete it, provided a definite program for the liquidation of the loan has been approved by the authorizing committee. In cases where it is practicable to occupy church buildings before the contemplated project is entirely completed, authorization may be given for the work of construction to proceed as funds become available.

11. That in institutional and mission equipment, improvement and building projects, the full amount of the funds needed shall be in hand before commitments are entered into, except that in cases of extreme necessity the provisions of the foregoing sections concerning churchbuildings shall be extended to institutional and conference projects; that is to say, building operations may be started when 75 per cent of the entire cost of the building is in hand in cash, and provision satisfactory to the responsible authorizing committee for securing the remaining 25 per cent is made. And that in the case of construction, the work proceed and obligations be incurred only as funds are available.

12. That any project involving the expenditure of U.S.\$25,000 or more be regarded as an enterprise requiring wider counsel with local, union, division, and General Conference Committees as to the percentage of funds above 75% that must be in hand before obligations are incurred or building operations begun.

13. That only reliable estimates from experienced builders and contractors be submitted by the local conference committees for the approval of the union, division, or General Conference Committee concerning contemplated building and improvement projects.

14. That any plans for institutional expansion include provision for the payment of any existing in-

debtedness within a reasonable period of time as well as for the financing of the proposed expansion.

15. That any institution or field organization closing a financial year in which an operating indebtedness has been incurred, shall make full provision for such deficit in the preparation of the budget for the ensuing year.

16. That in order that executive committees, managing boards, and other responsible officers may be kept fully informed concerning the work under their control, monthly financial and operating statements shall be furnished to the members of the responsible boards and committees and to the president, treasurer, and auditor of the union and division fields involved. Financial statements of institutions shall be furnished also to the secretaries of union, division, and General Conference departments concerned. Monthly statements of union and division organizations shall be sent to the president, the treasurer, and the auditor of the General Conference.

17. That when the financial statements of a mission, or institution reveal that the organization is not operating within its income, but is becoming more and more involved in debt, it be strongly advised that a meeting of the committee or board concerned be called without delay to study and adjust the matter.

18. That when any mission shows in its monthly or yearly statements that it is not operating within its income, it be the responsibility of the committee or board which directs such mission to take immediate steps for the correction of the situation. When such conditions exist, the higher organizations shall give counsel and guidance in finding a way out of the difficulty.

19. That when an institution finds it is not operating within its regular income, the same plan be followed as outlined in Section 18; and that should it be found impossible for such institution to operate on a paying basis, study be given to its liquidation.

20. That while we recognize that the chief responsibility for operating trends rests upon officers of institutions and of institutional boards, we stress also the responsibility of all board members, pointing out that they, as well as the officers, represent the constituency concerned and are equally answer-

able for the welfare of the institution.

21. That when under unforeseen emergency conditions it may seem imperative that some funds be borrowed in order to preserve or protect existing properties and interests, such loans be secured only after approval, as follows:

a. A union mission may not borrow or authorize the borrowing of money without the approval of the division.

b. An institution in a local mission not coming directly under the supervision of a union mission may borrow, in any one calendar year, or authorize the borrowing of amounts not exceeding \$1,000 national currency, upon approval of the board of trustees of the institution. Amounts exceeding \$1,000 national currency must have the approval of the division or General Conference Committee.

22. That upon the completion of a building project, or at the end of each year during which it is under construction, a report of the financial standing of the project shall be made to the treasurer of the division concerned; the division treasurer shall file with the treasurer of the General Conference copies of reports concerning all projects which have required General Conference approval or which have received aid from the Church Extension Fund or other special funds.

23. That leaders who show inability to operate the work in harmony with our established financial policies be not continued in executive leadership.

Publishing Report

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This work supplies our colporteurs with a good livelihood; it removes from them the temptation to desecrate the Sabbath; it brings in among the church membership a spirit of enthusiasm and consecration.

In this great division, comprising one-fourth of the world population, we have just six trained leaders, aside from the division secretary, and some of these men are burdened with the responsibilities of other departments. We should look to the future, plan for strong Chinese and foreign leadership, in each of the unions, and institute a recruiting campaign that will give us a colporteur force of not less than 500. When this comes about, we shall reap a great harvest, "some thirty, some sixty, and some an hundred fold."

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Union Superintendents

Manchurian Union, K. H. Wood
East China Union, N. F. Brewer
South China Union, A. L. Ham
Northwest China, C. B. Miller

Central China Union, G. J. Appel
North China Union, W. J. Harris
West China Union, M. E. Loewen.

Union Secretary-Treasurers and Auditors

Manchurian Union, H. W. Christian

South China Union, P. L. Williams

East China Union, V. J. Maloney
Acting treasurer, Miss Tillie Barr
Recommended that acting treasurer be appointed by the Division Committee

Northwest Union, L. H. Davies
West China Union, W. I. Hilliard
North China Union, _____
Acting treasurer, C. B. Green
Central China Union, H. R. Dixon

Editorial Staffs

The Signs of the Times—

Editor, John Oss
Associate editor, Hsu Hwa
Assistant editor, Shan Yi-ming

The Shepherd—

Editor, U. E. Strickland
Associate editor, Go Chao-O.

The Sabbath School Helper—

Editor, Miss Bessie Mount
Assistant editor, Chen Ming
Contributing editors, Union Sabbath school department secretaries and Mrs. K. H. Wood.

China Division Reporter—

Editor, Mrs. C. C. Crisler

Committee on Terminology

John Oss (Chairman), E. L. Longway, D. E. Rebok, Bessie Mount, Tsao Chun-kai, Chuan Hsi-tien, Chen Ming, Y. H. Chu, Y. M. Shan, Samuel Tsia, W. E. Strickland.

Sabbath School Department

Secretary, Miss Bessie Mount.
Advisory Committee: The division Sabbath school secretary; division officers; all union Sabbath school secretaries; D. E. Rebok; E. L. Longway; C. C. Morris; Mrs. K. H. Wood; H. L. Shull; W. E. Strickland; S. H. Lindt; Mary Ogle; Chen Ming.

Home Missionary Department

Secretary, E. L. Longway. Members: The division departmental secretaries; officers of the division;

the union home missionary secretaries as appointed; the union field missionary secretaries, and the executive heads of all union missions.

Division Building Committee

C. C. Morris (Chairman); W. H. Branson; E. C. Wood; D. E. Rebok; H. L. Shull; N. F. Brewer; S. L. Frost; F. A. Landis; G. J. Appel.

Educational and Y. P. M. V. Departments

Secretary, D. E. Rebok. Members: D. E. Rebok, division officers, C. A. Carter, Bessie Mount, S. H. Lindt, P. E. Quimby, B. A. Liu, W. A. Scharffenberg, educational and Y.P.M.V. secretaries of union missions; the heads of senior and junior training-institutes in the division, and the superintendents of union missions.

Home Commission

Secretary, Mrs. C. C. Crisler. Members: Mrs. B. Miller, Elsie Liu, Mrs. M. C. Warren, Mrs. W. I. Hilliard, Miss Josephine Holmes, Mrs. C. B. Green, Mrs. P. L. Williams, Mrs. C. H. Davis, Mrs. P. E. Quimby, Mrs. R. F. Cottrell, Miss Abbie Dunn, Mrs. B. C. Clark, Mrs. J. H. Effenberg, Mrs. N. O. Dahlsten, Mrs. L. H. Davies, S. L. Frost, R. H. Hartwell, E. L. Longway, W. H. Branson, Dr. A. W. Truman, D. E. Rebok, Mrs. Su Hsing, B. A. Liu.

Medical Department

Secretary, W. A. Truman, M.D.; division officers; the physicians connected with all recognized sanitariums, treatment rooms and hospital dispensaries in the China Division; the superintendents of nurses in institutions conducting nurses' training schools; all union superintendents.

Division Committee Appointive Members

President of the China Training Institute; H. L. Shull; W. A. Scharffenberg; medical director of the Wuhan Sanitarium; John Oss; Dr. H. A. Mourer.

Manchurian Union, Wang Fu-yuan
South China Union, T. M. Lei
East China Union, Chen Yiu-shih
North China Union, Goh Chao-liang

Central China Union, Du Shu-ren
China Training Institute, C. I. Meng

Shanghai Sanitarium, H. C. Ling, M.D.

Transportation Agents

C. C. Morris (Chairman); the union treasurers of the South China, Central China and Manchurian Union Missions.

Ministerial Association

Secretary, W. E. Strickland. Advisory Council: W. E. Strickland, O. A. Hall, division officers, superintendents of union missions, division departmental secretaries, union evangelists, principals of senior and junior training institutes in the China division, heads of the Bible and evangelistic departments of the

China Training Institute; C. I. Meng.

Publishing Department

Secretary, E. L. Longway. Members: the division publishing and home missionary department secretaries; division officers; all union field and home missionary secretaries within our territory; all field missionary secretaries; the manager of the publishing house in China, together with the staff editors as appointed by the Division Committee; the superintendents of all union missions.

The circulation of the *Signs of the Times* monthly made steady growth up to the outbreak of hostilities. The July, 1937, issue totaled about 80,000, and we had hopes that before the close of 1937 we should reach that long-coveted goal of 100,000. Within a year our list had dropped to 48,000, showing a loss of 32,000. But the loss in our division was even larger than this, for subscriptions in foreign lands during this time, especially in the Malaysian field, were on the increase. We can now report that the tide has turned. The present list is around 64,000, with prospects of reaching the 70,000 mark before the close of the year.

PRINCIPLES AND IDEALS IN THE MEDICAL WORK

WHEREAS, The Lord revealed that "the prosperity of the sanitarium was not dependent alone upon the knowledge and skill of its physicians, but upon the favor of God" (C.H. p. 205); and that "if conducted in a manner that God could approve, it would be highly successful" (Id.); and

Whereas, We have the instruction that "the success of the sanitarium depends upon its maintaining the simplicity of godliness and shunning the world's follies in eating, drinking, dressing, and amusements" (C.H., p. 285); and

Whereas, We believe it to be a proper objective to make medical institutions fully self-supporting, and that the blessing of heaven on these institutions can only be obtained by following the principles clearly outlined by the Spirit of prophecy; therefore

Resolved, That by precept and example we encourage our sanita-

rium groups of workers to unite in exemplifying before the world these heaven-sent principles

1. By an endeavor to persuade all physicians, nurses and institutional employees to exemplify in their daily conduct the principles of healthful living;

2. By constantly maintaining a spirit of sympathy, kindness, and a willingness to go the second mile in unselfish ministry;

3. By emphasizing the relative physiologic methods in the treatment of the sick, such as sunlight, fresh air, proper diet, rest, and hydrotherapy;

4. By rendering to the patients a high quality of professional service both medical and surgical, thus building up the reputation of the institution;

5. By exercising strict economy in operation and carefulness in the handling of accounts, thus conserving the resources of the institution, and by manifesting the Spirit of Christ in all business relations.

During the past four years we have published no new large subscription books; but a resolution brought to the Council through the plans committee is asking the press to publish an abridged edition of "Great Controversy" at the earliest possible moment.

At a recent colporteur institute in Manchuria one meeting was devoted to a testimony service. One colporteur said: "I was a wicked fellow. My father was disgusted with me, and made it so uncomfortable for me at home that I decided to run away. I stayed in the shop of a friend, and as I had nothing to do began idly to look through a few copies of the *Signs of the Times* that were scattered about the place. The more I read, the more clearly I saw my own condition and my need of help.

"On inquiry I learned that the people who publish the *Signs* have a chapel in Hsingking. I went there and found a welcome and further help along the road to peace. After a few months of study I was baptized, and was invited to enter the colporteur work. This I was happy to do and have given my life to Jesus to witness for Him. I do not know which of my fellow colporteurs took that subscription from my merchant friend; but I do know that I owe my salvation to the message that the *Signs* brought to me."

From Shanung comes this inspiring bit of colporteur-evangelist news: Colporteurs Yang and Chu were working in a certain railroad village. An invitation to preach was accepted, and the very first night more than 80 persons attended. Brother Yang said, "They wanted us to stay a week, but we had finished our territory in that vi-

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REPORT OF THE PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT

By E. L. LONGWAY

IN the territory of the China Division during the past four-year period a total of \$589,678.31 (national currency) worth of literature has been sold. From the annual sales over this period we can learn much of the spirit that actuates the evangelist-colporteurs and field leaders of China. These sales are as follows: 1935, \$176,468.23; 1936, \$195,102.38; 1937, \$113,654.19; 1938, \$104,453.41. After a few lean years following the worldwide business depression, our sales in 1936 marked a decided gain. Those for 1937 were well in advance of those covering the same period in 1936. The present "incident," beginning in the summer of 1937 brought our literature work

over the whole division to a complete standstill. In some of the more remote unions the work was quickly reorganized; but in others, such as central and east China, we are still unable to work large portions of the territory.

During this time the sales to fields outside the Division greatly increased. Total sales reported by the press for 1938 are \$145,328.23; while the department report, made up of the totals from the seven unions, is but \$104,453.41. The difference between these two sums, almost \$41,000.00 gives an idea of our sales to fields outside the division.—Malaysia, the Philippines and the Dutch East Indies.

REPORT OF THE SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

By BESSIE MOUNT

OUR Sabbath school records for the past four years present a picture in which encouraging gains are closely mingled with heart-breaking losses. The Sabbath schools that are missing from our report, and the scattered members of our flock, we can only commit to Him who doeth all things well, assured that "the Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and He knoweth them that trust in Him."

Sabbath Schools and Membership

At the end of the second quarter of 1937 our division summary showed a total of 775 Sabbath schools with a membership of 24,832. We had every reason to hope that by the end of the year at least 800 Sabbath schools would be shedding the light of Bible truth into the hearts of fully 25,000 men and women, youth and children throughout our field. It is needless to explain the losses that succeeding months have brought in some of our union fields. The number of Sabbath schools had decreased to 720 by the end of 1938 and the membership to 21,971. These figures represent a gain of 8 per cent for the past four years, or 52 schools and 1509 members, as compared with an increase of 138 schools, or 32 per cent, and 6608 members, or 48 per cent, for the preceding quadrennial period.

The most outstanding gains are credited to the West China Union. During the past four years this field has added 53 new Sabbath schools, a gain of 58 per cent; and the membership has increased by 1947, or 102 per cent. Other unions showing an increase in schools and membership are Manchuria, the Northwest Union and South China. North China shows a slight loss in the number of schools, but reports the greatest percentage increase in members for the past year, having added 413 members, a gain of 22 per cent. Some of these are "missing members" who have been reclaimed by the diligent efforts of North China Sabbath school officers and members, under the enthusiastic leadership of Pastor C. B. Green, the union Sabbath school secretary. Having made this splendid beginning, North China's forces are working toward the definite goal of enrolling every church member in the Sabbath school by the end of 1940. Will not every union adopt a similar goal?

Sabbath Schools Among New Tribes

Five new Sabbath schools and two branch schools that have sprung up after less than two years of effort in Mokiang *hsien*, Yunnan, where Brother and Sister Milton Lee and their associates are working. The average weekly attendance of these schools totals over 650. Though work has been definitely established among only two of the many tribes in that area—the Biyoh and the K'ado—the Sabbath schools include members from at least six different tribes, while still others are calling for workers to come and teach them the truth.

Something of the earnestness of these humble folk is shown by the fact that more than half of them walk twenty, thirty, or forty *li* to Sabbath school each week. Some testify that they start at daybreak on Sabbath morning, and do not reach home again until after sundown in the evening. At least one member leaves home on Friday afternoon, spends the night with friends en route, and completes the journey to Sabbath school next morning.

One little Biyoh lad, eight or ten years of age, a charter member of the Lahan Sabbath school when it was organized during the second quarter of 1937, has memorized all the Sabbath school memory verses since that time and can repeat them every one.

Our Sabbath School Gifts to Missions

Dollars and cents! How cold and lifeless they appear on paper! Yet if the figures that represent our Sabbath school offerings could speak they would thrill our hearts with many a story of self-denial and sacrifice in behalf of a loved cause. They would tell of that faithful seventy-year-old sister in Kweiyang, cheerfully going without needed food or clothing when there was no other way, in her firm determination to have her offering of five cents a week for Sabbath school, come what may. And of that poor tribal brother in the Mokiang Sabbath school, not yet baptized, but paying a faithful tithe of his meager earnings and bringing an offering of ten cents to Sabbath school each week. Of another aged tribesman who heard of the Sabbath school Investment fund, dedicated to it an unproduc-

tive hive of bees that, with the Lord's blessing, became the most productive of all. And then of a consecrated mother, bringing in the birthday offering for several members of her family at the usual time, even though it left her with but a few dimes to provide for her household until her husband's return from a prolonged trip; and how her faith was rewarded by an unexpected gift of money that cared for their needs until the return of the husband and father. Yes, and of those two colporteurs in Shansi, dedicating to the Investment Fund the ten cents a day they had been spending for water, and praying the Lord to sweeten the bitter water of their well, as He sweetened the water for His people of old, that it might not be necessary for them to buy. How the Lord tested their faith and answered their prayer is an experience they will never forget.

If every one of our Sabbath school members were as rich in faith and in the spirit of sacrifice as are these and others like them, I wonder if it would be necessary to record a loss of \$18,825.70 (national currency) in our offerings for the past four years. The total for the years 1935-1938 is \$151,304.44, as compared with \$171,130.14 for the preceding quadrennium. North China, Manchuria, South China and the Northwest show encouraging gains in offerings for the year 1938 over 1937; West China reports a slight loss, while Central and East, more directly affected by adverse conditions, show heavier losses. Our division total for 1938—\$36,888.31—represents a gain of only \$204.58 over the total for 1937.

Our weekly per capita offerings have diminished through the years, and have been adversely affected by exchange, until they are lower than those of any other division field. Shall we not change this record in 1939 by more diligent promotion of the regular weekly offerings, the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering, the birthday offering, and the Investment fund? An average of just *one cent more per week from every Sabbath School member would add nearly \$12,000 to our total offerings annually*. Why should we hesitate to urge our people to test and prove the Lord's promises by giving; even to the point of sacrifice, when the blessings He so freely bestows in answer to the prayer of faith bring such rich and precious experiences—experiences that will develop the faith and steadfastness needed for greater trials that are just before the people of God.

CHINA DIVISION MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT

By D. E. REBOK

THE Missionary Volunteer Department's work is both for and by our young people. Both phases are of equal importance. We cannot neglect the one or the other without seriously affecting the whole. In such a time as this our young people need the Missionary Volunteer Society and the help of the strongest leadership we can find.

It is most gratifying to hear of the faithful, efficient, loyal service of our young people in the Shensi, Hunan, Kiangsu, Anhwei, Kwangsi and other base hospital work. The testimony of the Protestant missionary at Huchow who had observed our youth in most trying-emergencies, working day and night to save life and minister to the sick and needy, should cause us to thank the Lord for such splendid young people.

Youth's Evangelistic Campaign

The youth's evangelistic campaign, launched in the summer of 1936 amidst the most untoward and forbidding circumstances, has opened the way for harnessing the strength, vigor and intelligence of the ten thousand young people we have in our homes and churches. They are ready and willing to volunteer for service in this village-a-day program as it is now called by the student workers themselves.

There is no space to recount the inspiring stories that have come in from those parts of the field where the youth's evangelistic campaign has been promoted; but the results of their efforts have been heartening indeed. The zeal of our youth has caught fire before the opportunities presented. Hundreds of homes have been visited; thousand of persons have gained their first knowledge of gospel truth; public meetings have been held; books and tracts by the thousands distributed; and interests have sprung up and branch Sabbath schools been organized.

Here is a table of comparative statistics which will help us see just what has been done in the past. However, I am not so much concerned over the past as I am that we use the present and make bigger plans for the future. Our young people are here among us. That we may love them, work with and for them, and bring them all into the service for God and man, is my sincere hope and prayer.

COMPARATIVE REPORT OF MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER WORK FOR THE CHINA DIVISION

Quadrennial Periods: 1931-1934 and 1935-1938

	1931-1934	1935-1938
1. No. Organized Churches *	54	74
2. No. Societies *	33	46
3. Senior Enrolment—Societies *	487	597
4. Junior Enrolment—Societies *	583	830
5. Total Enrolment—Membership *	1070	1415
6. % of Mission Membership *	34%	34%
7. Observing Morning Watch *	454	643
8. Reporting Percentage *	53%	44%
9. Bible Year Certificates Issued †	1357	1732
10. Reading Course Certificates †	1280	1698
11. Standard of Attainment Certificates †	682	656
12. No. Young People Baptized †	1025	1380
13. No. "Friend" pins issued †	435	1090
14. No. "Companion" pins issued †	86	81
15. No. "Comrade" pins issued †	21	30
No. "Master Comrade" pins issued †		2
16. Vocational Honors issued †	90	75
17. Missionary Visits †	161,220	190,137
18. Bible Readings & Gospel Meetings †	126,037	169,549
19. Persons Taken to Meetings †	47,778	69,252
20. Treatments Given †	63,432	69,363
21. Articles of Clothing †	5,977	10,279
22. Hours of Christian Help Work †	8,253	45,349
Persons Given Needed Help †	79,585	123,520
23. Literature Distributed †	710,702	675,791
24. Letters Written †	18,666	25,030
25. Offerings Local Society †	\$958.11 U.S.	\$640.48 U.S.
26. Offerings—Foreign Missions †	\$427.94 U.S.	\$314.65 U.S.
27. Harvest Ingathering †	\$6,959.97 U.S.	\$6,689.56 U.S.
28. Big Week †	\$1,340.83 U.S.	\$1,488.82 U.S.

At 2.50 rate At 3 for 1 rate

* Average

† Cumulative

Comparing this report with the tremendous needs of the China field, we must admit that we are not doing as much as we really should. If in all our seven unions could be accomplished what has been done in two or three, we should be surprised at the total result. The young people in each field stand ready to cooperate and work as only

young people can. They are waiting for some one to organize and lead them into worthwhile work. Dear fellow workers in the China Division, this is the best way to win and to hold our youth. Let us make the 1939 youth's evangelistic campaign a powerful movement and enlist hundreds of these splendid boys and girls in this service for God.

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HARVEST INGATHERING CAMPAIGN

Dear Fellow Workers and Church Members—

At the recent quadrennial meeting of the China Division some actions were taken that bear on the annual Harvest Ingathering campaign. Through the years effort has been made to enlist more and more of our church members and every one of our paid workers in this annual campaign. In some unions, and in some missions, there has been a good response; while in some other sections of the field the campaign has not been promoted in a strong way.

The needs of this cause are many. With the shortage of funds growing more and more acute, and with opportunities to advance opening up on every hand, it is felt that the time has come for this division to rally every worker and church member to a united effort in the Harvest Ingathering campaign.

Formerly we have thought of the Ingathering campaign as lasting over a period of six or seven weeks; but the new policy calls for a continuation of the campaign in each church and company until the goal for that church or company has been reached. It is hoped that we can increase our returns from the campaign to at least \$100,000.00 each year.

As the actions covering this new policy are of interest to and concern all, we produce them here at the close of this letter. We ask that you give them earnest study, especially sections, 1-4 and the last recommendation following the series of 10, which has to do with the individual goal for workers and church members.

A set of report blanks covering the weekly reports from the local church or company to the provincial mission, and the bi-weekly reports from the provincial mission to the union, and from the union to the division, is being prepared. These blanks will be forwarded to the local mission home missionary secretaries. We hope that each church and company will be provided with a liberal supply, and

that arrangements will be made so that an accurate and prompt report can be had weekly from each church and company over the whole division.

May the Lord greatly bless us all as we unite in this year's Harvest Ingathering campaign, giving us success measured not only in a large amount of money brought into the Lord's treasury, but also in souls won to the truth.

E. L. Longway.

ACTIONS COVERING NEW HARVEST INGATHERING POLICY

Inasmuch as the Harvest Ingathering plan has become a mighty factor in placing our missionary activities before the public in a favorable light, as well as a means of annually increasing our mission funds, the following recommendations are made for the promotion of this project:

1. That each union and local mission field committee arrange its plans so as to enable each worker on the pay-roll to engage in active personal solicitation during the Ingathering campaign until such time as the goal for that field shall be reached.

2. That in each local mission, each church and company report once each week during the campaign to the local home missionary secretary and treasurer regarding the status of the campaign, the amounts received, and the number taking part; that the local mission treasurer or home missionary secretary report once every two weeks to the union treasurer and union home missionary secretary, reporting the number taking part in the campaign and the total amount raised to date; and that the union treasurer or union home missionary secretary compile these fortnightly reports from the various local fields and forward them to the division treasurer and the division home missionary secretary.

3. That local mission committees district their territories, assigning goals to each district and to each church and company in each district, and that the worker or workers in charge of that district be responsible for the promotion of the campaign in that area.

4. That division, union, and local mission educational, and medical institutions, publishing houses, and institutes, be urged

to plan for at least two general field days, in which all teachers, students, medical workers, nurses and other employees be urged to take active part.

5. That general material for the Ingathering papers be prepared by the Harvest Ingathering committee appointed by the division, who in counsel with the division treasurer shall arrange for their publication.

6. That while the division treasury shall pay the cost of the magazines, yet it be understood that where these are printed on our own presses, the work be done at actual cost, no profit whatsoever being charged.

7. That the Division Committee determine the style and size of the papers in the various languages.

8. That Ingathering receipts shall be held by the division for reimbursement to the fields of the division for objects set by the Division Committee. Such funds shall not be used for operating or repeating expenses.

9. That field and personal goals for the following year shall be set by the Division Committee at the time of its Spring Council.

10. That no church or individual be permitted to use the Ingathering method or supplies for solicitation of funds for any other purpose than Ingathering aims without the approval of the union and division committees.

We further recommend, That the individual goal for church members throughout the division be set at \$5.00 national currency per member, and that the personal goal for workers, both national and foreign, shall be an amount equivalent to one month's salary.

PRAYERS ANSWERED

A letter received from Pastor M. E. Kern says: "You will be happy to learn that the Lord has wonderfully answered the prayers of His people for Roumania. Our people have been released from prison, the churches are opened, and the colporteurs are continuing their work. One preacher, who has just been released from six months' imprisonment, reported that he had won twenty-one fellow prisoners to the truth. Eleven of them were Baptists who were likewise suffering religious persecution."